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Mystery surrounds death of rising star Tory MP



Milligan: recently promoted in Defence Ministry

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JILL SHERMAN

Westminster colleagues stunned after secretary discovers body in Chiswick bachelor apartment

MURDER squad detectives were last night investigating the mysterious death of the Conservative MP Stephen Milligan.

Mr Milligan, 45, was found dead at his west London home by his secretary yesterday afternoon after he failed to turn up for some appointments. She called the police and an ambulance.

Mr Milligan, a bachelor, lived alone in a terrace house flat in Black Lion Lane, Chiswick, and there was no sign of forced entry. The Home Office pathologist Dr Ian West was conducting a post mortem examination last night. Police were keeping an open mind about the cause of death, but Det Supt Brian Edwards, a member of the west London detective team assigned to murder cases, went to the scene.

Sir Norman Fowler, the Conservative party chairman, meanwhile went to Hammersmith police station. He looked shocked, and said: "I have nothing to say until we know a little more."

MPs were aghast at the death of Mr Milligan, an able and ambitious MP who had been a journalist on *The Sunday Times* and a BBC foreign correspondent before his election to the Commons in 1992.

Andrew Mackay, Mr Milligan's regional whip, discussed his future with him on Friday and found him to be relaxed and happy. "We talked about his future role, which parliamentary committees he might be interested in serving on, and which specialisms he wished to pursue. He seemed very contented. He was one of the most ambitious of the new intake of MPs and clearly hoped to be a minister one day. I told him that we were very pleased with his work."

Mr Milligan's death is the latest in a series of blows to hit the Government since Christmas, including the resignation of the environment minister Tim Yeo and the suicide of Lady Caithness, wife of the former transport minister.

The Government now faces a potentially hazardous by-election in Eastleigh, Hampshire, where Mr Milligan had a majority of 17,702. He secured 51 per cent of the vote and the Liberal Democrat candidate 28 per cent. A swing lower than that at Christchurch would reduce the Government's Commons majority still further.

Mr Milligan had only recently been promoted to the first rung of the ministerial ladder as the parliamentary private secretary to the defence procurement minister Jonathan Aitken.

Mr Aitken said last night: "Stephen Milligan was a rising parliamentary star. His sterling character, his intellectual ability and his formidable talent as a communicator had already marked him out for a distinguished political career. I shall miss him with profound sadness both as a close friend and as an oustanding PPS. Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to Stephen's parents and relatives for their devastating loss."

Robert Key, roads minister and a near parliamentary neighbour in Salisbury, said: "He was a wonderful friend and neighbour to work with in our part of the country. I am deeply shocked."

David Martin, MP for Portsmouth South, said: "I am very distressed and shocked. He made such a fine contribution to the parliamentary scene and he and he was such a nice man."

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Europe backs air strikes on Bosnian Serbs

BY GEORGE BROCK, PHILIP WEBSTER AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

EUROPEAN foreign ministers edged towards military intervention in Bosnia-Herzegovina yesterday when they backed the use of air power to try to break the siege of Sarajevo. The move came after John Major had called for "immediate, effective and more muscular action" to end the bombardment of the city.

Douglas Hurd, who has always been most cautious about air strikes, said the massacre of 68 people in a market on Saturday had been a turning point in attitudes towards the war, and that the balance of risks and benefits of an allied air strike to halt the carnage was changing.

A decision on whether to use force now lies with Nato. Its ruling council will meet tomorrow to consider the EU's statement, the UN Secretary-General's request that preparations be made for air strikes, and reports from local commanders on the feasibility of military action. If the meeting agrees such action should be launched, the 16 member governments will be asked to sanction the strikes.

Formal approval would also be required from the UN Secretary-General, but since Boutros-Boutros Ghali has already asked Nato to make ready, that appears a formality. In his letter to the Nato Secretary-General, Dr Boutros Ghali said: "The mortar attacks last week against civilian targets in Sarajevo, at least one of which has been established by the UN Protection Force to be the work of Bosnian Serb forces, make it necessary to prepare urgently for the use of air strikes to deter further such attacks."

The Bosnian mediators Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg were meanwhile still hoping for a negotiated agreement on the demilitarisation of Sarajevo after talks with the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic. He agreed to discuss a separate and temporary peace deal for the city, and the issue will be the highlight of Thursday's Geneva peace talks.

The announcement that Mr Karadzic is prepared to negotiate separately on Sarajevo signalled some Serb movement in the face of mounting demands for air strikes, but he remained defiant last night, saying that foreigners would not be safe in Bosnia if they went ahead.

The EU foreign ministers' decision came after five hours of talks in Brussels yesterday after which they issued a statement saying that Nato and the UN should try to lift the siege of Sarajevo "using all means necessary, including the use of air power". One experienced European diplomat said last night: "I think that, after a long time, air strikes really are more likely. We have reached the stage of asking ourselves how many people have to die each day before we do something. We may not carry out a long sequence of strikes, but maybe just one to show them that we mean business."

Mr Major at least is now convinced that it is essential that the UN and Nato make immediate plans to halt attacks on Sarajevo. "This is likely to require more muscular action than hitherto. Its purpose must not be merely to punish or retaliate, but to improve the situation in Sarajevo," an official said. The Commons was told later that ministers were "fully prepared to see air power used if it will improve the situation".

Both the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary emphasised, however, that it would be up to Nato's military commanders to make the final decision. Mr Major said it would be folly to launch reprisals without the advice of the men on the ground — but it has been noted that Lieutenant-General Michael Rose, the commander of UN troops in Bosnia, has adopted a tougher line than his predecessors.

Even with the shift of attitude towards air strikes, some governments still strongly oppose taking action. Greece dissented from the EU statement within minutes of its being issued yesterday, saying that military intervention would achieve nothing and would lead to a Balkan war.

Russia, which like Greece has strong links with Serbia, was also firmly against air strikes. Andrei Kozyrev, the Foreign Minister, said bombing the Serbs would be the least successful way to resolve the conflict. "It will escalate the violence. It will immediately signal the withdrawal of UN peacekeepers, and thus the strategy will go wrong."

The Pope, however, appeared to support tougher measures, when he issued a statement saying: "Try everything, even at the price of greater sacrifices, to arrive at an effective ceasefire."

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MARTIN BEDDALL



Evan Steadman at the Criterion Theatre in the West End of London yesterday. His *Maxwell* musical had been due to open there on February 21

High Court judge bans Maxwell musical

BY ALISON ROBERTS ARTS REPORTER

A HIGH Court judge granted an injunction yesterday banning *Maxwell: the Musical* two weeks before its West End opening.

Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, won the injunction against the show's producers "on the basis that the musical would create a substantial risk of serious prejudice to the criminal trial" of Kevin and Ian Maxwell.

The ban means that no production can take place until after the Central Criminal Court trial of Maxwell's sons and four others. Kevin Maxwell, former chairman of Maxwell Communications, denies eight charges of conspiracy to defraud and Ian Maxwell, former chairman of Mirror Group Newspapers, denies two charges of conspiracy to defraud.

It now seems that the musical, which charts the rise and fall of Robert Maxwell, will be scrapped. Evan Steadman, the former Maxwell employee who was its prime mover, said an appeal was unlikely, although he has spent £500,000 of his own money on the show. Even if it never goes ahead his costs could reach £1.1 million.

The ebullient producer emerged from the hearing before Mr Justice Bell looking unusually dour. "I am very disappointed," he said. "As of tomorrow morning we'll have to tell everybody involved that we cannot proceed." He estimated that 100 people would be put out of work.

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Shares fight back after biggest fall since 1987

BY GEORGE SIVELL, ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

SHARES fell sharply in London and other financial centres yesterday in reaction to the rise in American interest rates signalled at the end of last week. But the FT-SE 100 Index recovered from a fall of almost 100 points to close 56.3 points down at 3,419.1.

The improving trend continued in New York with dealers saying that the huge fall on Friday of 96 points was exaggerated. In early afternoon trading the Dow Jones index was up more than 12 points. American investors, though concerned by higher interest rates, were still seeking bargains among US shares.

In the face of the market jitters Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said he found his forecast of economic growth this year of 2.5 per cent increasingly "modest". In an interview to be published in today's *Le Figaro* he said that tax rises planned for April would not hold back economic recovery.

"I can even confess to you my forecast made last November of growth at 2.5 per cent this year seems to me more and more modest, taking account of current trends in the economy." Mr Clarke added that the planned tax increase could hold back household consumption but would not hinder the overall recovery. If the recovery became more dependent on exports and investment, he would not be displeased.

Earlier, the move towards dearer money in America had caused large falls in both Hong Kong and Tokyo. Market-makers in London moved to counter any prospect of a sell-off by marking prices down savagely in the morning. But the threatened sell-off did not materialise and by the close of business 894 million shares had changed hands, well down on the billion-plus turnover achieved almost daily in the past few weeks.

At the low-point of the day £22 billion had been wiped off share values, the biggest fall in cash terms since the 1987 crash. But London brokers went home satisfied, saying that before the fall shares had begun to look expensive.

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Patients at risk in keyhole surgery

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THIRTY women sterilised by a locum surgeon risk becoming pregnant after he botched the operation in one woman who is now a mother-to-be.

An investigation into the mistake has highlighted the risks of keyhole surgery. The other 29 women have been told they need a "clinical review" to check the effectiveness of their sterilisation.

A Government report, slipped out unnoticed by the Scottish Office last month, says that patients have died or suffered serious injuries after keyhole surgery because new techniques are being introduced faster than surgeons can be trained to use them.

The report, by a group of specialists chaired by Professor Alfred Cuschieri, a pioneer of keyhole surgery, paints an alarming picture of untrained surgeons trying procedures in which they have no experience, putting patients at risk. It was not released to the press in England and received no national coverage despite its serious implications.

The locum surgeon who performed the sterilisations at York District Hospital wrongly fitted the clips to block the Fallopian tubes in the woman who has become pregnant, York Health Services Trust general manager, Michelle Ritchie, said last night. "We want to know whether this was just a one-off error," she said. The surgeon has since left the hospital, and managers refuse to identify him or say where he is working now.

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FO dispatches HMS Goodlad into unknown action

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Sending Alastair Goodlad to spearhead a new Balkan policy of "muscular action" by the British Government is rather like sending out a dredger to signal the readiness of the fleet. The very word "muscular" dies on his lips. Mr Goodlad pronounces "action" as one might a very rude word which one had been brought up never to say. Onlookers at the Commons ended yesterday afternoon in utter confusion as to whether the dispatch of HMS *Goodlad* signalled an advance, a retreat, or an immensely subtle diversionary tactic.

Some of us suspected that this had little to do with Bosnia and more to do with an unusually bitter skirmish in an equally intense minor civil war going on within Whitehall. In what must be accounted one of the more bizarre ministerial statements of recent years, Her Majesty's Foreign and Commonwealth Office did "as promised" confirm that FCO ministers are prepared for war. War on Her Majesty's Government. Or that is my theory.

Mr Goodlad, a Foreign Office minister, palely loitered at the Commons despatch box for half an hour, read out a prepared statement about Britain's readiness to sanction air strikes as though it were 30 lines he had been ordered to recite as a punishment, then proceeded to question the judgment of every MP who offered him support, and agree with every backbencher who hinted that British involvement in Balkan hostilities would be a crazy gamble.

So what could all this mean? "... horror and outrage *(ahem)*," murmured Mr Goodlad. "... brutal, senseless, *(ahem)* ... vital importance ... maximum flexibility ... *(ahem)* ready to use airpower as required." Mr Goodlad sounded about as ready to use airpower, as required, as the average railway commuter is ready to smash the glass and pull the communication cord, as required.

For Labour, Jack Cunningham urged Mr Goodlad to flex those muscles more vigorously. Goodlad looked at him with withering distaste, as a toff emerging from the opera might look at a loudmouthed street bully challenging him to a fight.

Sir Russell Johnston, for the Liberal Democrats, recommended airstrikes. Goodlad responded warily, unwilling even to say "Liberal Democrat". He launched into "diberal lemocrat", then repented.

When Labour's Peter Mandelson said: "Muscular action? How? When?" the minister looked at him as if the enquiry were completely absurd.

But when an MP on either side *challenged* HMG's new muscularity, Goodlad seemed to warm to the question. Michael Jopling (C) was complimented on the wisdom of his doubts. Sir Nicholas Bonsor (C) found ready assent to his concern about the new dangers that British troops might now face.

A number of theories about the deployment of this unusual man-of-war at the dispatch box are possible. One is that the *Goodlad* is aimed, not at Serbia, but at Downing Street, whose initiative has taken the NCO in neighbouring King Charles Street by surprise. Another is that the "muscular action" initiative was a communications error, and the *Goodlad* is engaged in a strategic withdrawal.

The final theory is that the *Goodlad* is an intentional decoy, designed to confuse Belgrade. I don't know whether Mr Goodlad confuses the enemy, but by God he confused the House of Commons.

Former diplomat breaks silence on dam

Aid 'written into' agreement on arms deal with Malaysia

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

A BRITISH arms deal with Malaysia was linked to aid which was used to finance the controversial Pergau dam project, according to a senior diplomat who was in Kuala Lumpur at the time.

The linkage, which was contrary to government guidelines on aid and trade, was rescinded three months later, Sir Nicholas Spreckley, who was High Commissioner to Malaysia between 1986 and 1991, said last night. He confirmed that the protocol outlining arms contracts worth £1.3 billion had had a specific reference to aid written into it when it was signed in March 1988 by Lord Younger, the then Defence Minister.

Sir Nicholas speaking for the first time since the affair blew up, said: "That's why Lord Younger had to send the letter three months later in June to tell the Malaysians that aid could not be linked. He did so after consulting with ministers in London. He felt he had to send it."

Sir Nicholas, who retired when he left Malaysia in 1991, is likely to be a key witness at the Foreign Affairs Select Committee hearings into the affair, which are due to begin in March. It is now believed that they will focus on a critical three-month period between March 1988, when the protocol on the arms deal was signed, and the following June, when Lord Younger wrote to the Malaysian government.

In October last year the National Audit Office produced a critical report of the way in which the Government had arranged the aid, ignoring technical and commercial advice from its civil servants. Then last month Sir Tim Lankester, former permanent secretary to the Overseas Development Administration, told the Commons Public Accounts Committee that he was told to pay the money after Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, had discussed the matter with Mr Major.

Sir Nicholas was in Kuala Lumpur during the early phases of discussion on both deals. He had arrived in the dying phases of the "Buy British Last" campaign imposed by Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Prime Minister. Sir Nicholas said last night: "It was almost over by the time I got there. People were keen to restore relations as we have a long history with that country and many of their people were educated over here."

He was reluctant to comment on many of the questions arising out of the affair since it was revealed that the British Government had granted £234 million of aid to the Malaysians to build the Pergau dam.

He said he could not remember whether he accompanied Baroness Thatcher during her negotiations in September 1988, when a memorandum of understanding was signed on the arms deal. "As officials, we were obviously heavily involved." He refused to comment on the advice given to Lord Younger before he had attended the earlier negotiations in March, which outlined the basics of the arms deal.

Peter Riddell, page 11



Det Supt Mike Semple yesterday with some of the 13 weapons which included Kalashnikov and Armalite rifles and eight sub machineguns found at a flat in Liverpool. He suspects they were for criminal rather than terrorist use.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Reynolds positive on Sinn Fein response

Albert Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister, sounded a note of optimism on the Ulster peace initiative yesterday when he said it was unlikely that Sinn Fein would reject the Downing Street declaration. Mr Reynolds said he hoped for a positive answer from the political wing of the IRA by the time he meets John Major in London on February 19.

Speaking in Dublin, Mr Reynolds said: "I can't see any possible justification for the continuation of violence or the taking of a single innocent life. I hope the leadership does take the enlightened decision to move away from violence and take up the political process."

☐ Army bomb disposal experts defused a grenade left outside Sinn Fein offices in West Belfast by the Ulster Freedom Fighters. A Sinn Fein councillor said the party would not be intimidated by such attacks.

Committals scrapped

Committal proceedings are to be scrapped. Serious cases will be sent directly for Crown Court trial without a magistrates' court hearing, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, announced yesterday. Committal will be replaced by a paper procedure for magistrates to decide whether a defendant has a case to answer. The move, recommended by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice in July, will save an estimated £30 million in court and legal aid costs. The change will affect 10 per cent of committals where there are still full hearings.

Anti-nuclear protest

Hundreds of anti-nuclear protesters demonstrated outside the High Court yesterday as an appeal against authorisation of the Thorp nuclear reprocessing plant began. Greenpeace and Lancashire County Council are applying for a judicial review of authorisation of the plant at Sellafield, Cumbria, and to win a public enquiry. The Government's decision to give the go-ahead for the plant was legally flawed by an "irrational" failure to hold an enquiry, the court was told. Andrew Collins QC, for Greenpeace, said: "This is the most important radioactive discharge concern there ever has been."

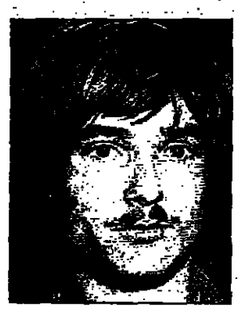
Mother sues MoD

A woman sacked by the Army for becoming pregnant was told she could return if the baby was stillborn, an industrial tribunal in Leeds was told yesterday. Ruth Ann Kerry, 39, of Wrenthorpe, Wakefield, who was discharged in 1985 after serving 12 of her 22-year contract and achieving the rank of sergeant, is claiming sex discrimination against the Defence Ministry and compensation of £170,000 for loss of earnings and pension, and injury to feelings. The Ministry has admitted liability but is contesting the £170,000 compensation claim. The hearing was adjourned until April 26.

Footballer complains

The gay footballer Justin Fashanu complained to the Press Complaints Commission yesterday at a newspaper report claiming he had slept with two government ministers. Within 24 hours of the report in *The People* Mr Fashanu, who was alleged to have tried to secure £300,000 for the story, was suspended by the Scottish Premier League club Hearts. Mr Fashanu, 31, said: "I am being used to try to bring down a Government which has preached about moral values. I am fed-up with it." He said of his suspension: "It is apparently because I missed a couple of training sessions."

Attacker sues police



Russell Bishop, left, who is serving life for the attempted murder of a child, yesterday sued Sussex police over his prosecution for the killing of two other girls. At Lewes Crown Court in December 1990, Bishop, 27, was convicted of kidnapping the seven-year-old girl and indecently assaulting her. Three years earlier, he had been acquitted of killing Nicola Fellows and Karen Hadaway, both aged nine.

Legal bill shocks clients

Many solicitors still fail to tell clients about the likely cost of legal advice, in breach of Law Society guidelines, according to the National Consumer Council. A survey published today found that only 60 per cent of clients not on legal aid were told what the likely bill would be, although 80 per cent of solicitors says they explain costs to clients.

Paraglider remanded

A 30-year-old American who landed half-naked on the roof of Buckingham Palace by paraglider was remanded in custody for a week by Bow Street magistrates yesterday. James Miller, whose middle name was given as "Fanman", faces one charge of using threatening, abusive and insulting behaviour and five charges under air navigation orders.

Yacht skipper cleared

The skipper of a yacht carrying cannabis resin worth at least £23 million was cleared of attempted drug smuggling yesterday. Peter Ketels, 35, from Belgium, said at the High Court in Aberdeen that he knew nothing of the 4.6 tonnes of the drug found in a secret compartment after the yacht, *Ambrosia*, was washed ashore near Peterhead.

Lifestyle tips challenged

Reducing blood pressure and cholesterol levels does little to increase lifespan, John S Yudkin, professor of Medicine at University College, London, said yesterday. He told a seminar on prolonging life by changes in lifestyle that a man of 45 with high blood pressure would extend his life, on average, by less than a year with drugs. Lowering a high cholesterol level would, at best, increase life by a few days or weeks. This was because the problems were not completely reversible. The only substantial gains came from giving up smoking, which could add 3.8 years to life.

Patients at risk from new surgery

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which involve operating through a tiny hole in the patient's body, are set to revolutionise surgery in Britain but are being taken up so fast that they are leading to disasters. The report says that most gall bladder operations are performed using keyhole techniques, three years after they were first introduced, "by surgeons who have had very little or no previous experience".

It says there will be a learning curve for surgeons and it is known that "occasional, avoidable incidents are occurring which have led to morbidity and mortality".

By the end of the decade keyhole surgery is expected to be used in 70 per cent of operations. It is being demanded by patients because it means less pain, a shorter hospital stay and faster recovery in expert hands.

Professor Cuschieri, head of surgery at Ninewells hospital, Dundee, said in September that he had told the Government disaster would ensue unless something was done. "It involves different techniques. You are operating from a distance; this can result in disaster, and disasters have happened."

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Tories draw up blacklist of agitators

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A BLACKLIST is being drawn up by Conservative Central Office to try to stamp out right-wing infiltration and to prevent expelled members returning to the party.

Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, ordered the move shortly before the embarrassing argument about alleged extremists taking over a Tory constituency branch in Essex that has demanded John Major's resignation.

Sir Basil Feldman, chairman of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, yesterday held talks with Sir Norman about the party's response to the rebel Mistley branch. It is said to have been hijacked by a group called the Revolutionary Conservative Caucus.

There are two disciplinary options: expel the members or disband the branch. But under present party rules expelled members can apply to rejoin other Tory associations. Sir Norman hopes, however, that the blacklist will rid the party of troublemakers. Details have been sent to all associations. One official said: "The last thing we want is to give Labour a loony right version of their loony left."

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Councillor in homes scandal killed himself

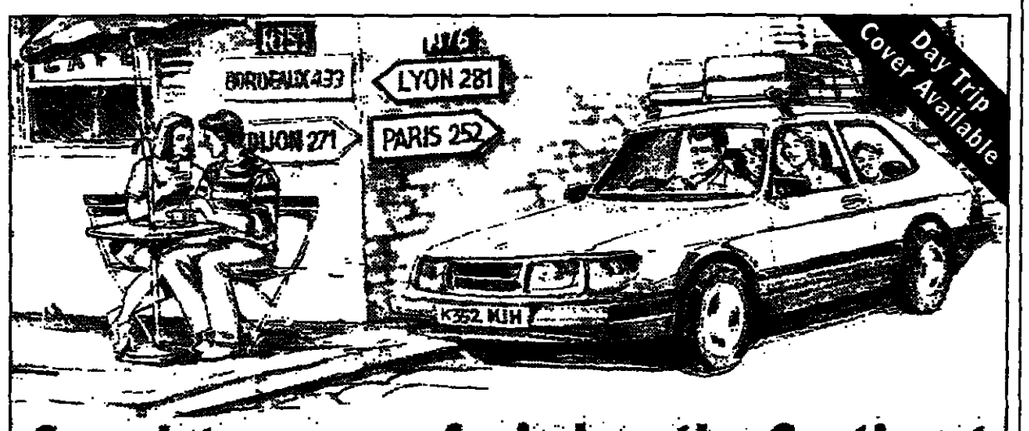
BY IAN MURRAY

A FORMER chairman of Westminster Council's housing committee killed himself after writing a suicide note saying he lacked the resources to fight a "false and perverse" District Auditor's report accusing him of gerrymandering and wilful misconduct.

Dr Michael Dutt, 42, left the note under a Bible before shooting himself with a shotgun. St Albans Coroner's Court was told yesterday.

The note, in a brown envelope addressed to "police and others" was not read out by Edward Thomas, the coroner. Nor were the two open letters to John Magill, the District Auditor, faxed by Dr Dutt from his St Albans flat shortly before he killed himself. They included a detailed rebuttal of "falsehoods and twisted interpretations" which Dr Dutt said were included in the report.

A pathologist said that Dr Dutt could have been dead for up to ten days before he was found on January 26. The coroner, who recorded a verdict of suicide, said he was satisfied that Dr Dutt died from an injury he inflicted on himself knowing that would be fatal.



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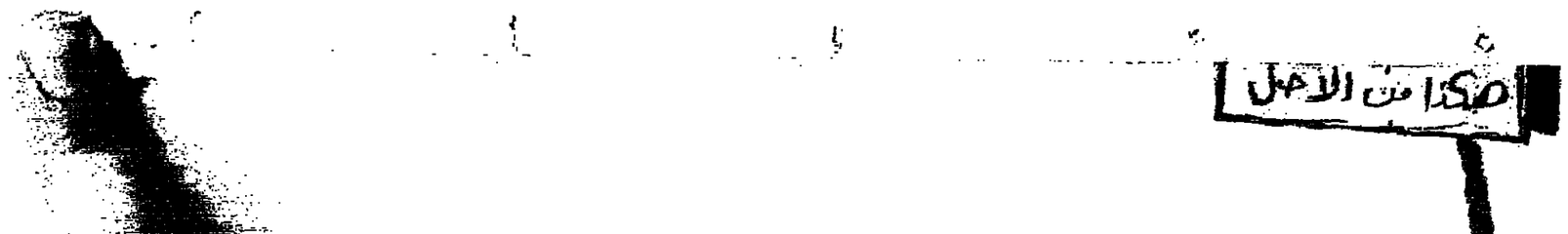
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Wife's kidnappers flee after security driver rams car

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE wife of a Post Office security van driver was kidnapped and held bound and gagged by gunmen who were only foiled when her husband rammed their car, not realising she was in the boot.

The two men had earlier tried to force the driver to hand over thousands of pounds after showing him photographs of his wife trussed up with a shotgun to her head. They told him to follow their car to where the money could be handed over, but after a short distance he rammed the rear of the BMW and they raced off.

Yesterday detectives praised the courage of the driver, whose name is not being released, for having a go at the thieves despite knowing that his wife was being held hostage. Det Supt Gary Haigh said: "The driver acted very bravely and coolly. When he was told his wife was in the boot he was numb with shock. He realised he could have so easily killed her."

She had earlier been kidnapped from their home in the Oakes district of Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, soon after her husband left for work to deliver cash to post offices in the local area. The driver, 50, was stopped soon after he began his drops at a post office in Primrose Hill by two black men who showed him three Polaroid photographs of his wife.

It was five hours after her abduction that a police helicopter spotted the gunmen's BMW abandoned at the roadside outside Huddersfield and found the woman in the boot.

Mr Haigh said: "They heard a banging coming from the boot which was badly crushed and when they opened it they were amazed to find the woman lying bound and gagged. She was bruised but otherwise unhurt, but was very shocked and distressed."

The drama began shortly after 6am. The driver had left home to report for duty at Huddersfield's main post office. He and his co-driver had picked up a substantial amount of cash.

His wife, also aged 50, was still in bed when two men wearing balaclava helmets and one armed with a sawn-off shotgun burst into the bedroom. They forced her to write a note addressed to her husband and then bound and gagged her before taking the photographs.

She was then thrust into the boot of their BMW, which had been stolen several days earlier from a village 15 miles away, before driving to the Primrose Hill Post Office where her husband was due to make a delivery. They waited until the driver arrived shortly after 9am. As he left his vehicle, one of the gang handed the co-driver a letter and told him to pass it to the driver.

Mr Haigh said the driver recognised his wife's handwriting and saw his wife in the photographs. With them was a note in block capitals written by one of the gang which said: "Do as you are told and your wife will not be harmed."

One of the gang then told the Royal Mail crew to follow them. But after only 300 yards, the BMW pulled close to a wall at a road junction. Mr Haigh said: "The driver decided to try to trap the gang by ramming their car in the rear and pushing it up against the wall. But the driver of the BMW managed to free his vehicle and drove away at tremendous speed. It was seen by people being driven very recklessly for more than a mile and it nearly knocked down two children on a pedestrian crossing. Witnesses say the two occupants of the BMW were laughing.

"This was obviously a well-planned raid. They had checked the movements of the Royal Mail driver and knew that the van would be carrying a substantial amount of cash. It was only thanks to the bravery and coolness of the driver that a major crime has been avoided."

The Royal Mail has offered a £15,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the gang.

MP found dead held high hopes of ministerial post

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

STEPHEN Milligan, who was found dead in his flat yesterday afternoon, led the 1992 intake of Tory MPs in reaching the first rung towards ministerial office.

Within seven months of his arrival at Westminster, he was appointed parliamentary private secretary to Jonathan Aitken, the defence procurement minister, after showing a grasp of foreign affairs, particularly European issues.

He was one of very few Tory MPs to increase the party's majority when he was elected as MP for Eastleigh in Hampshire with a majority of 17,702.

Mr Milligan, 45, had been a highly respected journalist, most recently as a European correspondent for BBC Television. Previously, he had worked for *The Sunday Times* as Washington correspondent and as foreign editor, after a long career with *The Economist*, where he had been industrial editor, chief European Community correspondent, foreign reports editor and home editor. He also presented BBC Radio 4's *The World Tonight* programme for three years from 1980.

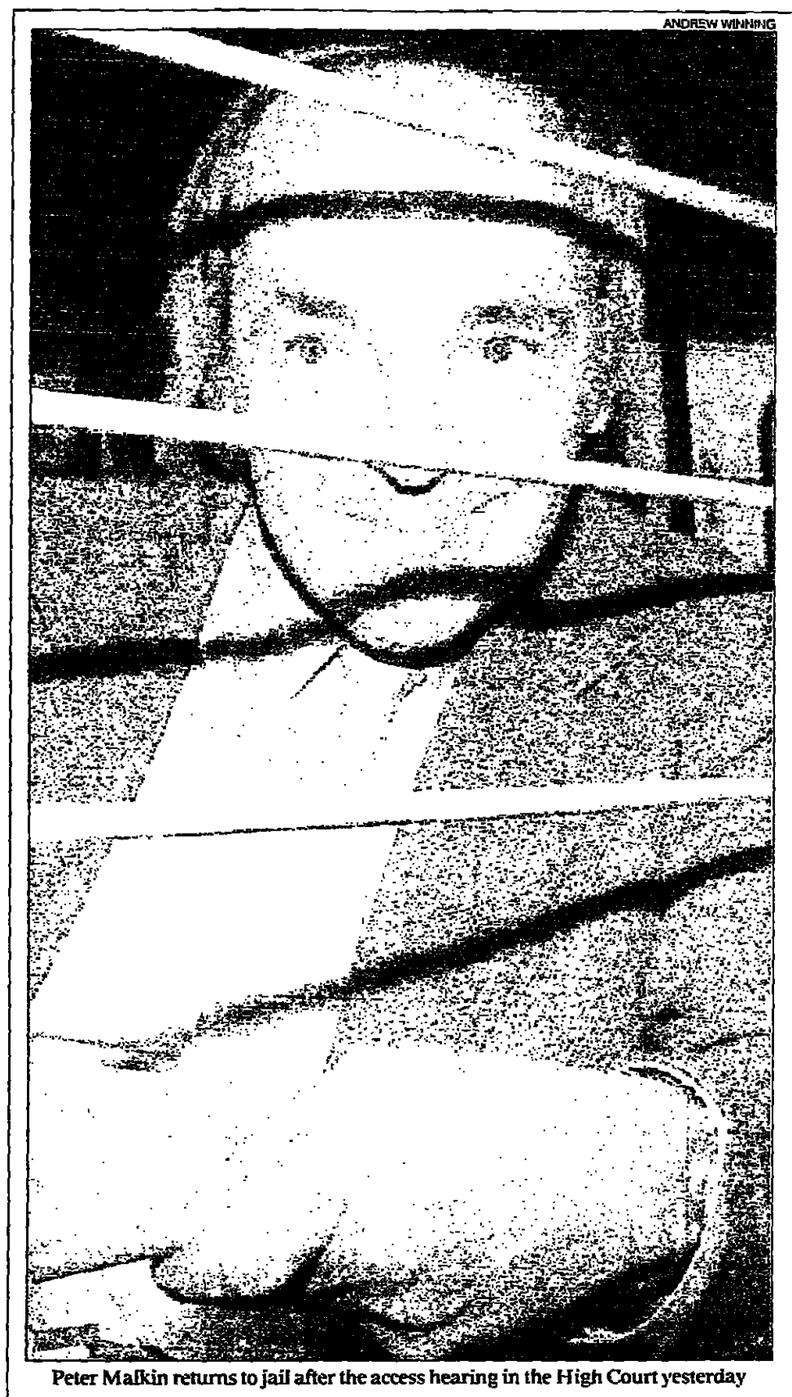
An unassuming character, he was however rare among the newcomers in steadfastly defending the Maastricht treaty during the many hours of Commons debate. His prominent support of the Government brought praise from Tory whips. While the new intake was dominated by right-wingers, Mr Milligan was on the centre-left of the party. He spoke recently of his hopes that a ministerial reshuffle in the summer might bring him a junior government post.

His deep interest in overseas affairs was reflected, before he was elected, by his membership of several international organisations. He was a member of the advisory body to the Royal Institute of International Affairs and secretary of the Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council. Educated at Bradfield College and Magdalen College, Oxford, Mr Milligan had been president of the Oxford Union and of the Oxford Conservative Association.

His journalistic experience had given him a close interest in the Government's plans to regulate the press, and he was a frequent defender of the right of newspapers to exercise voluntary restraint rather than face legal sanctions.

He had a rather self-deprecatory style, and spoke of his embarrassment when BBC listeners wrote to complain of his mistaken reference to Sir David Steel as an Englishman.

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ANDREW WINNING

Peter Malkin returns to jail after the access hearing in the High Court yesterday

Malkin allowed jail visits from son

BY EMMA WILKINS

PETER Malkin, the businessman jailed for 18 months after kidnapping his 12-year-old son Oliver, yesterday won the right to receive prison visits from the boy. Malkin, who snatched Oliver in France last November and took him to Egypt for two months, has reached a provisional agreement with his former wife, Eliza Pridmore, over contact.

The terms of the agreement were approved at the High Court yesterday by Mr Justice Ewbank. He said Malkin's request for access would be reviewed in July.

Malkin was imprisoned in January for contempt of court after kidnapping his son in breach of a court order not to remove him from the care of Mrs Pridmore, who lives in Brittany with her second husband, Andrew.

Malkin, 54, who owns a country club near Canterbury, was taken to the High Court from Pentonville prison yesterday on his way to Canterbury prison, where he will serve the remainder of his sentence. Oliver, who attends school in Brittany, could visit his father during the Easter holidays.

After the hearing Malkin's solicitor, Sandra Davis, said he planned to appeal against the sentence, but a date had yet to be set. Malkin has written to his son several times. She said a French court passed a one-year sentence against Mr Malkin in absentia last week. It, and a fine, costs and compensation totalling £20,000, related to a previous kidnapping of his son in 1991.

Mrs Pridmore's solicitor, Jill Noury, said: "Agreement has been reached and Oliver's mother is happy with it. Oliver will be brought over from France to see his father in prison."

Surgeon challenges murder conviction

BY EMMA WILKINS

A SURGEON who was jailed for life 12 years ago for murdering his schizophrenic wife began an appeal yesterday based on new medical evidence which, he claims, will cast doubt on the cause of her death.

Paul Vickers, 58, was imprisoned when Teesside Crown Court accepted evidence that he had poisoned his partially disabled wife, Margaret, with an anti-cancer drug called CCNU. Vickers was said to have seen his wife as an impediment to his political aspirations.

Michael Mansfield QC, for Vickers, asked the Court of Appeal to consider evidence indicating that Mrs Vickers died from a condition caused by complications due to her mental illness.

Vickers, who met his wife at Cambridge University, was arrested when Pamela Collinson, a former mistress, told police in 1980 that she suspected him of murder. Miss Collinson was tried with Vickers. She was acquitted and given a suspended sentence for illegally obtaining the anti-cancer drug.

Medical evidence showed Mrs Vickers had died from a fatal blood disease linked with the destruction of bone marrow. CCNU, which destroys cancer cells but also attacks the bone-marrow function, was said to be responsible.

Vickers admitted giving his wife CCNU but said it was to treat a brain tumour. He said Miss Collinson had blackmailed him.

Mr Mansfield said yesterday that medical experts would show Mrs Vickers died after she inhaled food particles, which led to an inflammatory reaction, causing adult respiratory distress syndrome.

Failure to challenge evidence relating to CCNU was an error, Mr Mansfield said. The case continues.

Concern rises over cancer lab's safety lapses

BY EDWARD GORMAN

STAFF at the cancer laboratory at Birmingham University, which has been closed down because of safety fears, were at much greater risk than the university has admitted.

Specialist inspectors from the Health and Safety Executive ordered the laboratory, part of the university medical school, to be shut in December. They were concerned that academic and other staff were not being given sufficient protection. Their work involved putting cancer-causing genes into a virus similar to the one that causes flu in humans.

The Times has established that the university authorities were operating the laboratory under the wrong level of containment, as laid down in the HSE regulations concerning research into genetically modified organisms which came into force last February.

The rules define four levels of containment, from Level 1, which covers work on the open bench, to Level 4, in which extremely hazardous materials are dealt with by scientists in sealed capsules.

The HSE inspectors decided that the cancer research at Birmingham should have been conducted at Level 3. They found staff had been working for up to two years on a basis which they believed was well below Level 2. The laboratory should have been operating as a "high containment room"; it should have been a restricted access area to named personnel; and the area where sensitive work was being conducted should have been sealed off.

The laboratory was, in fact, left as a large open-plan unit. What particularly worried the inspectors was the ease with which people not involved in the research were able to move near it. The lab was open to cleaning staff, to women washing up laboratory equipment with no idea of the danger of the work, and to people in nearby offices.

At Level 3 the laboratory would have had a sophisticated air-flow monitoring system which would have prevented potentially infected particles from escaping. It did not have such a system, which raised the possibility of infection being spread beyond the confines of the laboratory.

The inspectors also discovered one serious case of equipment failure. A microbiological research cabinet being used by scientists to mix cancer-causing viruses and human cells was found to have failed its last safety test and there was no evidence that it had been repaired to the required standard.

The inspectors concluded that senior staff at Birmingham had failed in their duty properly to assess what problems could occur or how the cancer-causing viruses could accidentally escape. They were thus unable to show, as legally required, that there was no danger of cross-infection.

When this catalogue of the safety failures was put to Professor David Westbury, vice-principal of the university, he said: "All of the things which are in the formal list [of failings] are matters which do produce genuine concern. The work will be moved and placed in an appropriate containment level." He added that he considered the risk to staff to be no more than "theoretical" in nature.

Spitfire roof display shot down by court

A BUSINESSMAN faces a large legal bill after losing an Appeal Court battle yesterday to keep a lifesize model Spitfire on the roof of his home.

John Gladden, 44, of Norbury, south London, was ordered to pay Croydon Borough Council's costs after Lord Justice Dillon told him that baiting planning authorities might give "exquisite pleasure", but was unlawful if it involved breaches of regulations.

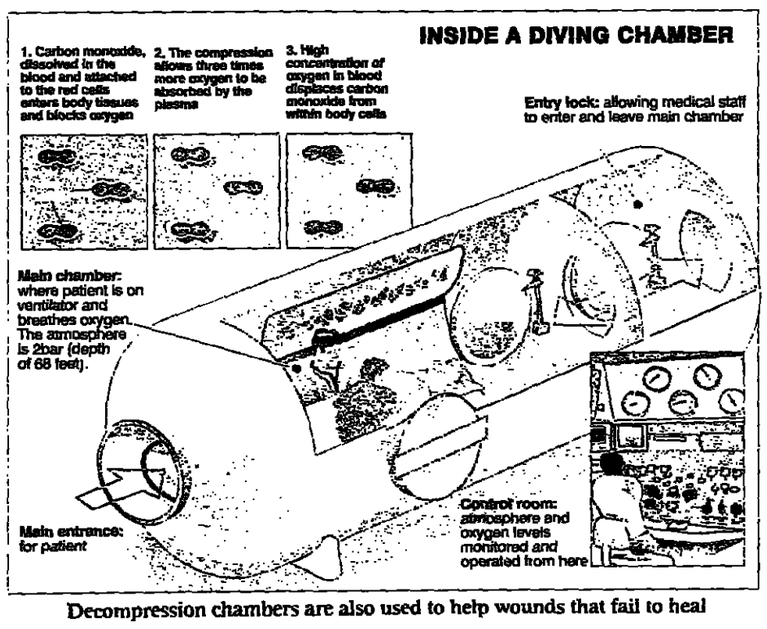
Mr Gladden placed the wooden and glassfibre replica on the roof in protest after the council refused him planning permission to keep a 14ft glassfibre Marlin replica on a ground-floor extension roof.

He suffered a further setback yesterday when he was refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Earlier the court was told that the council had last year obtained an injunction from Croydon County Court banning Mr Gladden from keeping the aircraft on his property. Mr Gladden took the council to the Appeal Court, arguing that the injunction, which also barred him from making any further additions to his home in breach of regulations, was too vague.

Lord Justice Dillon said the planning law was not vague and that Mr Gladden should have no difficulty deciding what needed permission.

Speaking after the case, Mr Gladden said he would keep the Spitfire on a trailer outside his home, alongside a 20ft inflatable model of Winston Churchill, a dinosaur and a torpedo, all the subject of previous court orders.



Decompression chambers are also used to help wounds that fail to heal

Gassed boy opens his eyes as chamber breathes life into him

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE boy whose brother died from carbon monoxide poisoning opened his eyes yesterday after being treated for a third day in a divers' decompression chamber.

Doctors said Shaun Harris, 3, was improving after spending another two hours yesterday in the unit, where pure oxygen was forced into his lungs under pressure to flush out the carbon monoxide in his system.

His parents, Adrian, 25, and Kim, 27, watched through the porthole of the chamber and were later at his bedside in Derriford Hospital, Plymouth. "It was a great moment for us," Mr Harris said.

The family, who were poisoned by fumes from a gas boiler at their home in Cwmbran, Gwent, on Friday night, were taken to the Diving Diseases Research Centre in Plymouth. David Harris, aged 22 months, died a few minutes after his first session in the chamber.

Roland Gough-Allen, manager of the centre, said: "Shaun has had three sessions in the chamber at the highest pressure because he was so bad. We are operating at the limits of safety because oxygen becomes poisonous and causes fits if the pressure rises too high." Carbon monoxide is taken up by red blood cells more readily than oxygen, in effect starving the body and the brain of oxygen. The longer the carbon monoxide remains in the blood the higher the risk of permanent brain damage.

Pure oxygen given under pressure is absorbed by the blood plasma, flushing out the carbon monoxide more quickly than would occur outside the chamber.

Giving oxygen under pressure is a recognised treatment for a range of conditions, including wounds or injuries that fail to heal because they have an inadequate blood supply.

Art teacher faces jail after fling with girl, 13

A 50-YEAR-OLD art teacher was told yesterday that he faced prison after admitting an eight-month affair with a 13-year-old pupil.

Clive Gilfellon made love to the girl in his car and at his home after becoming first attracted to her on a school trip to Germany, where he and his wife slept in a room across the corridor from the pupil and her friend.

He was arrested in March last year after playground rumours of the affair reached other teachers.

At Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court, Gilfellon pleaded guilty to having unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl aged under 16. Judge Stroyan told Gilfellon he faced a jail sentence but adjourned his decision until today to consider social reports.

Gilfellon, from Tow Law, Co Durham, first met the girl when she was 11 as a new pupil at the comprehensive school where he taught.

John Evans, for the prosecution, said that when she was 13 Gilfellon became fascinated by her good looks and she was flattered by his unexpected attention. Two months later the affair began in earnest during the trip to Germany.

William Lowe, for the defence, said that Gilfellon had given 27 years of "fireless service" to children at his school. He had resigned immediately after his arrest.

The parents of the girl said later that Gelfellon had ruined her life. "He held a position of trust and he abused it in the worst way possible. When you send your child to school you expect them to be safe."

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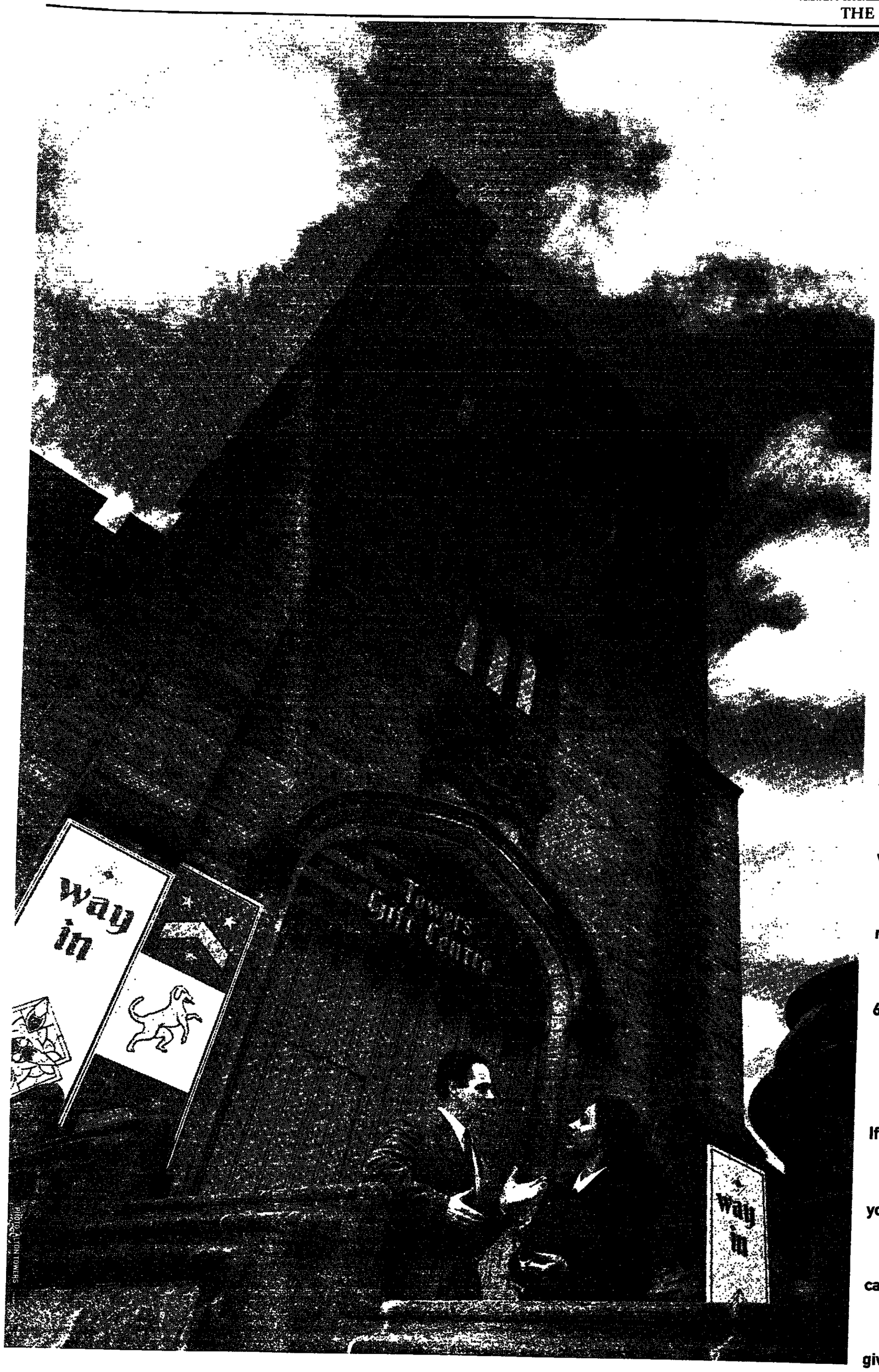
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Care workers blamed over murder of three-year-old

BY RICHARD DUCE

FUNDAMENTAL errors of judgment by social workers led to the murder of three-year-old Leanne White by her stepfather, a report concluded yesterday.

In spite of warnings from neighbours and relatives of Leanne about the danger she faced from Colin Sleate, the child was not placed on an "at risk" register by Nottinghamshire social services and the police were not informed.

A report into Leanne's death by the local Area Child Protection Committee (ACPC) said much of social service involvement with the child was "unplanned, unco-ordinated, unfocused and outside the terms of procedure of the ACPC."

Sleate, 29, of Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, was last year jailed for life for beating Leanne to death. The girl's mother, Tina White, is serving ten years for manslaughter.

David White, director of Nottinghamshire social services, yesterday accepted criticism of his department but would not say whether he intended to resign.

John Bowis, a junior health minister, will study the report before deciding whether there should be a public enquiry, as demanded by the trial judge, or whether the three unnamed social workers in the case should be disciplined.

Leanne's grandmother Mary White, who is suing social services, said the report was "one massive cover-up. It is just one lot of them sticking up for the other."

When Sleate was convicted, David White said he did not think social services had played a significant role in Leanne's death. But in a statement yesterday he conceded: "The department failed Leanne in that formal procedures which might have protected her were not followed."

After Leanne's death, 100 injuries were found on her body but the report disclosed that neither social nor health workers had undressed the child to examine her during visits to her home.

It concludes: "There were failings of professional practice, procedural compliance, management oversight and training."

There had been a "series of errors of judgment ... some minor, some fundamental". The report made seven recommendations including stricter monitoring of children and families known to social services and improved staff training. The three social workers involved in Leanne's case still work for the council.

Last night, Dennis Pettit, leader of the Labour-run county council, said: "I feel anger and disgust, and it brings tears to your eyes to read the report." He could not comment on calls for Mr White's resignation and denied any suggestion of a whitewash by the council. "It would be wrong of me to pre-empt any disciplinary hearing," he said.

Leanne's grandmother said: "If the individuals who ignored our complaints about Leanne had a conscience, they would admit what they did was wrong." She said Mr White should resign.



Angus Diggle, the solicitor jailed for three years for attempted rape, was granted leave to appeal against his conviction yesterday. Diggle, 37, from Bolton, Greater Manchester, failed to secure bail in a private hearing at the Court of Appeal

Doctor accused of raping girl, 17

BY RONALD FAUX

A DOCTOR drugged a girl aged 17 with chloroform before photographing her naked and then raping her, Liverpool crown court was told yesterday.

Dr Sudhamay Chatterjee, 59, of Horwich, Greater Manchester denies abducting and raping the girl. A co-defendant, Mohammed Saeed, of Bolton, denies aiding and abetting him.

Clement Goldstone QC, for the prosecution, told the court that the girl's abduction had been carefully planned by Dr Chatterjee. "Over the previous months he won the confidence of her family, a confidence he, as a man old enough to be their daughter's grandfather, cruelly and wickedly betrayed," he said.

Dr Chatterjee met the girl when she started working in a part-time capacity at a health centre in Bolton. He had already taken her out for a birthday meal with her three sisters and arranged for Mr Saeed to video the evening.

The court was told that last March 16 he told the girl, a secretarial student, that she was needed at the centre. He picked her up from her parents' house, then put a handkerchief covered in chloroform over her face to knock her out.

He then took her to a house in Bolton, where he raped her while his friend allegedly looked on.

Mr Goldstone said: "As she was going under, she felt a punch to her face. She then recalls that when she came round she was lying naked on a bed and was being watched by the two defendants."

The girl recalled coming round, Mr Goldstone said. Dr Chatterjee "moved her into a compromising position while photographs were taken of her. She then saw Chatterjee unzip his trousers and get on to the bed. She was coming in and out of consciousness and was aware that Chaterjee was having intercourse with her."

The court was told that some months earlier the doctor had prescribed contraceptive pills to the girl. After the alleged rape he had calmly taken her home.

The girl wept as she told the jury: "I was crying and the doctor walked up and put a handkerchief over my nose and mouth and said, 'Go to sleep'." The trial continues.

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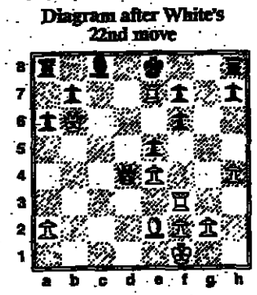
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One of the favourites to qualify for the PCA World Championship is the young Russian grandmaster Vladimir Kramnik, here seen in top attacking form in the competition in Groningen. Kramnik's sacrificial irruption with 22 Re7+ constitutes a spectacular and beautiful way to win.

White: Vladimir Kramnik
Black: Grigory Kaidanov
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Queen's Gambit accepted

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2	d4	Nf6
3	c4	e6
4	Nc3	dxc4
5	e4	Bb4
6	Bg5	c5
7	Bxc4	cxd4
8	Nxd4	Bxc3+
9	bxc3	Qa5
10	Bb5+	Nbd7
11	Bxf6	Qxc3+
12	Kf1	gxf6
13	h4	a6
14	Rh3	Qa5
15	Be2	Nc5
16	Nb3	Nxb3
17	Qxb3	e5
18	Rf3	Qd8
19	Rc1	Qe7
20	Qb6	Qd8
21	Rc7	Qd4
22	Re7+	

Diagram after White's 22nd move



22	...	Kxe7
23	Qd6+	Kf7
24	Rd3	Qxd3
25	Bxd3	Re8
26	Bc4	Re7
27	Bd7	Kf8
28	Qb6+	Kf7
29	Bb5	Ke8
30	Be4+	Kf7
31	Qd8	Black resigns

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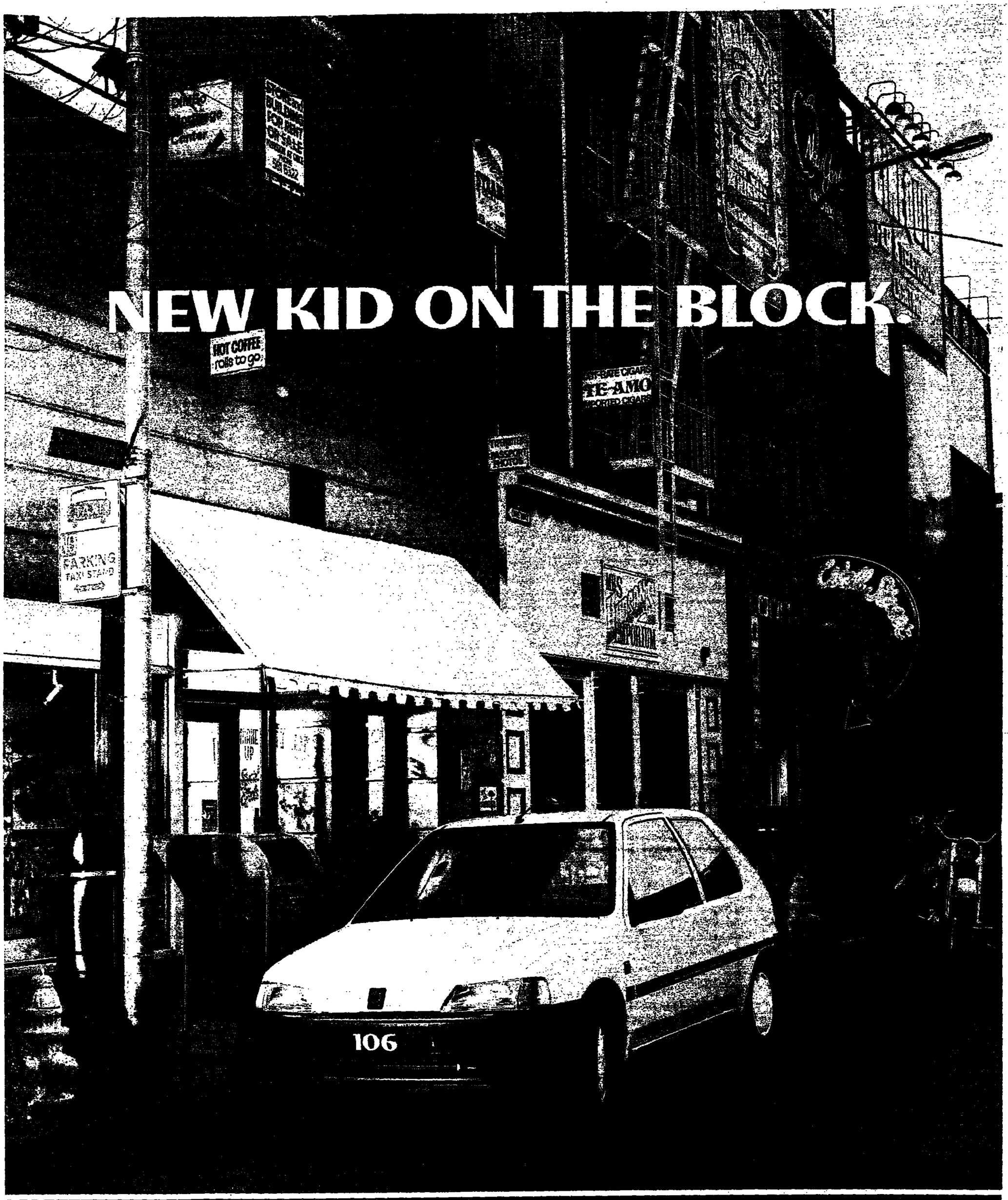
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Brightest must be given more help, teachers are told

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

PRIMARY schools were urged yesterday to identify gifted children as young as five in a government drive to challenge outstanding pupils.

Eric Forth, a junior education minister, said that providing effective schooling for very able pupils was not elitist but helped to raise expectations and lift standards generally.

Under guidance published yesterday, schools are expected to tell parents how they cater for gifted children and appoint a teacher to co-ordinate their strategy.

The move follows concern that schools neglect their most able pupils, with some becoming frustrated and dropping behind because they are not pushed properly by teachers. Experts estimate that one in 20 children is gifted.

Government inspectors reported two years ago that very able pupils in state schools were often insufficiently challenged. They highlighted "worrying deficiencies" in the teaching of English, mathematics and science.

Mr Forth said: "Far from being at the expense of other children's education, providing appropriate challenges for the gifted is likely to raise expectations and the standards of education for a much wider group of pupils."

He said: "I trust the 'elitist' label which, in the past, has often been attached to making special arrangements for very able pupils, will continue to disappear in our schools."

Mr Forth said schools should establish a clear and coherent policy explaining how they intended to identify exceptional ability. Teachers should then ensure that all children were challenged in their work.

"These objectives should form an integral part of schools' wider plans for development and be reported in the school prospectus. Head teachers must ensure that one teacher has the responsibility for co-ordinating provision for the most able children. This is a critical step if schools are to disseminate and build upon good practice."

Mr Forth said the Government had already laid strong foundations for action, with schools allowed to advance pupils into higher year groups and enter classes early for GCSE examinations.

Ministers have been much impressed by a scheme in Solihull that registers children considered to be gifted. About 7 per cent of the borough's pupils are listed as gifted, with 2 per cent judged exceptionally talented. Under the scheme, teachers can use a checklist to help "talent-spot" pupils.

The checklist includes characteristics such as: exhibiting unusually extroverted or introverted behaviour within a group; independent worker, shows initiative; speed and agility of thought and preference for verbal rather than written expression; versatile, shows many interests; unusually high motivation and self-expression; persistent, resourceful, self-directed; learns easily; inquisitive, sceptical; excellent sense of humour; outstanding vocabulary, verbally fluent; and informed in unusual areas often beyond their years.

Yesterday's report, Exceptionally Able Children, was based on two conferences held in October organised jointly by the Education Department and the Office for Standards in Education. Officials regard the conferences as the first step in establishing regional support networks for teachers of very able children and extending in-service training.

GIFTED CHILDREN: A CASE HISTORY

Ignorant staff leave fast learner in limbo

DANIEL, 3, came home crying after his third day at nursery school. "There is something terribly wrong with me," he told his mother. "The other boys and girls at school can't spell, can't do sums and can't read. I'm different from everybody."

For Anne Gardiner (not her real name), the episode marked the beginning of a struggle common to many families of gifted children.

Two weeks later, Daniel insisted he was "not allowed" to read until he was five and did not pick up a book for 18 months. His teacher told Mrs Gardiner Daniel did not have the literacy and numeracy skills that she claimed. This dispute was the first of many.

Mrs Gardiner has since seen a succession of educational psychologists and schools, both state and private. The Gifted Children's Information Centre in Solihull, West Midlands, assessed Daniel as having an IQ of more than 150.

Daniel, meanwhile, was labelled a slow-learner. At the age of four, in a state of frustration, he suffered clinical depression.

Mrs Gardiner was sceptical yesterday of the value of the Government's advice to teachers about gifted children: "It is an unfair burden to put on classroom teachers given that they have never been trained to deal with the needs of these children," she said. "These children are already in the education system and need help now."

Ambulance crews take the flak in Moss Side



The bullet-proof vest worn by Russ Atherton, a paramedic in Manchester, will withstand 9mm bullets and shotgun blasts. The ambulance men and women of the city's Central district have been issued with vests and helmets in a three-month trial to protect them from the rising tide of violence, most of it drug related, in the notorious Moss Side and Cheetham Hill areas. Paramedics from other districts of Greater Manchester believe they, too, should be given protection. John Roberts, an ambulance man at the Charles Street station in Salford, also considered a danger area, said: "One of the men working in the control room had a gun pulled on him recently. We have been shot at — an ambulance was shot at in Old Trafford outside a nightclub. The bottom line is that a dead ambulance man is no use to anyone." Mr Roberts believes all ambulance crews should be given the choice of wearing a jacket. Erica Marshall, a paramedic at Central, has been wearing one of the two trial jackets. She said: "It gives me a certain amount of reassurance. But I'm also reassured that my employer is concerned about my safety. If you know you are responding to a shooting it makes you feel more comfortable."

Green coffin bids farewell to pollution

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

A COFFIN that will reduce air pollution and relieve overcrowding in the nation's cemeteries is being marketed by a British company as the ultimate accessory for those who want to leave as little a mark on the world as possible.

Among the advantages claimed for the environment-friendly "peace box", made mainly of recycled paper and cardboard with a simulated woodgrain finish, are that it emits fewer pollutants than conventional coffins when burnt and decomposes faster.

Nigel Keen, from Winsley, Wiltshire, recently set up a company called PBUK to import the coffins from their Swiss manufacturer. "The peace box has been tested by German scientists," he said. "They have shown that it emits only a quarter of the ash dust and carbon dioxide and other gases that are released when traditional coffins are burnt." At a price of between £200 and £250 the peace box costs about the same as the cheapest traditional coffins. It also comes in knock-down form, requiring little storage space, and can be assembled in a few minutes without tools.

Undertakers doubted yesterday whether the green coffin would catch on. Derek Gunningham, of the National Association of Funeral Directors, said: "Most families would jib at the idea of packing their grandmother off in a cardboard box, whatever the environmental benefits. It brings great comfort to the loved ones to be able to see their relative laid out in a proper receptacle."

Harry Newman, deputy superintendent of the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium, was more enthusiastic. "Under the Environmental Protection Act, crematoria will have to meet tough new pollution standards by April 1998. I would be surprised if there is a single crematorium in the country that could meet them now. Anything that would reduce pollution is of interest."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Boy shot in game with gun

A boy is critically ill after being shot in the face while he and a friend played with an airgun. The pellet lodged in the brain of Danny Sondergaard, 14, after his friend, also 14, pulled the trigger without realising the gun was loaded.

Danny, of Rainham, Kent, is in a coma in a neurosurgical unit. Insp Mike Humphrey, of Gillingham police, said: "We are satisfied this was a terrible accident. The boys had no idea the gun was loaded."

Pothole payout

Hampshire County Council has been ordered to pay £77,700 damages to Peter Houldin, 25, of Wirral, who has not worked since being flung from a motorcycle that hit a 2in deep pothole in a road at Otterbourne.

Prison charge

Mohammad James Saeed, 29, accused of murdering a fellow inmate at Long Lartin prison in an argument about rugby, was remanded in custody for a week by magistrates at Redditch, Hereford and Worcester.

Taxi murder

Christopher Dore, who beat a taxi driver to death with a crow bar at Christmas 1992 in an argument about his fare, was jailed for life. Dore, 33, of Nottingham, had denied murder at the city's Crown Court.

Surprise tackle

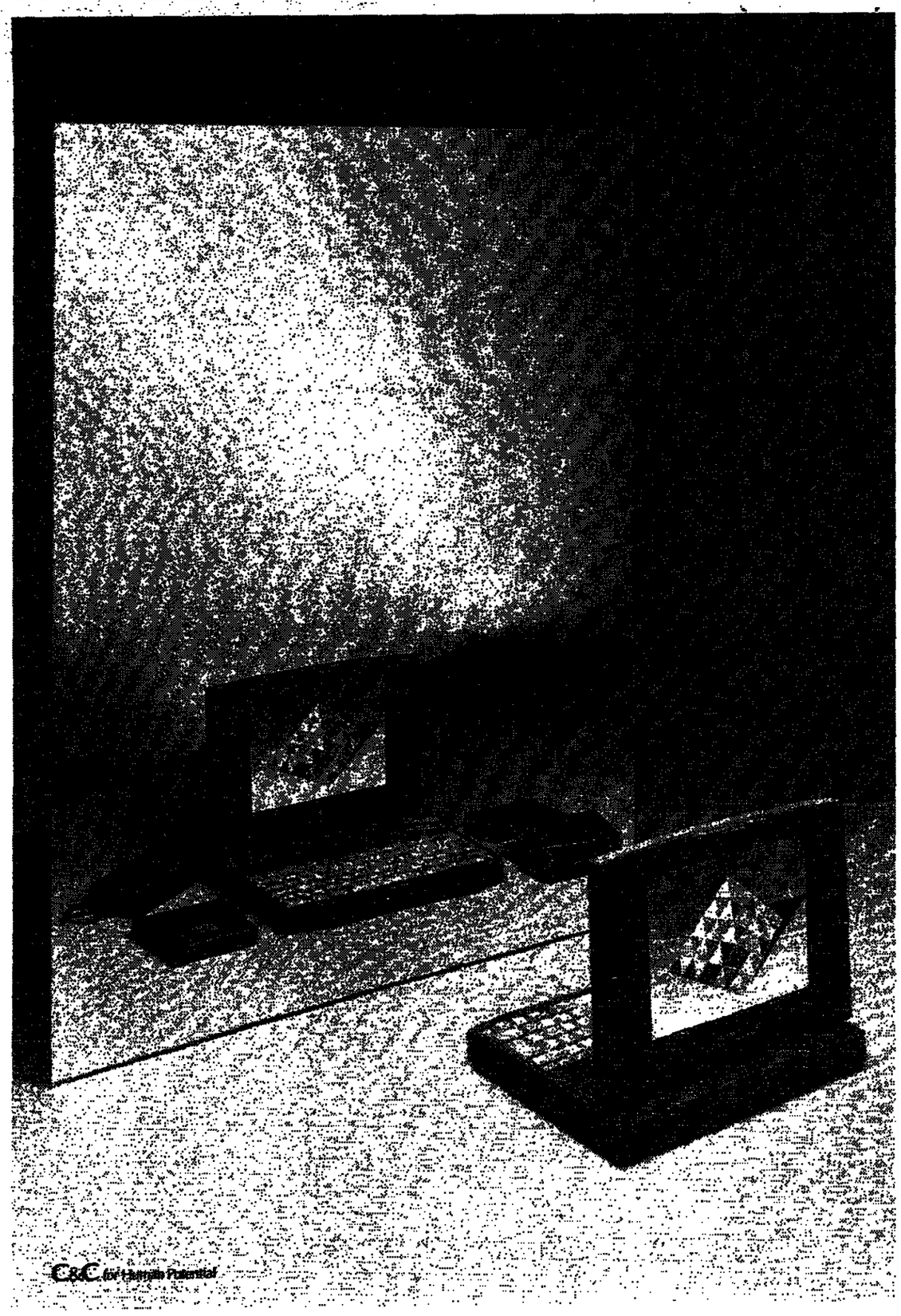
An amateur football team in Blackpool was reduced to ten men by police investigating a robbery, who took away for questioning a 20-year-old man still in his kit.

Showhome haul

A man and two women were arrested after police recovered two vanloads of furniture and fittings stolen from showhomes in Horsham, Sussex.

Cathedral theft

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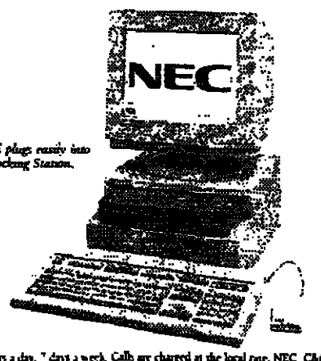
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MICHAEL POWELL



WPC Sue Thomson, a riot control instructor who says of male colleagues: "Once they realise you can teach them something, they will listen"

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SUE Thomson gives the lie to claims that there are some jobs a female police officer cannot do. Competent to use every gun in the police armoury from a revolver to a pump action shotgun, she is also a tactical adviser on riot operations.

The duties of WPC Thomson, married with a daughter aged three-and-a-half, can include mounting armed guard at the Prime Minister's country residence at Chequers and tackling fights between skinheads and black youths on the streets of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Working for Thames Valley police, WPC Thomson is among 100 women officers across Britain qualified to use a gun, although none has yet opened fire while on duty.

One woman sergeant has commanded Northampton's tactical firearms unit, and armed female officers patrol with Scotland Yard's diplomatic patrol group. The Royal Ulster Constabulary has recently agreed to issue weapons to all female officers.

WPC Thomson, 29, had never fired anything more dangerous than an air gun when she decided that she wanted to become a qualified shot. An outgoing woman, she said: "I am a bit of a go-getter. It seemed quite challenging and demanding."

Her husband, an interpreter, accepted her police duties but WPC Thomson had thought that male officers might prove difficult. "I have quite a strong personality. I won't say there have not been the odd comments but nothing I can't handle," she said.

She is not only part of the armed teams but also trains officers in riot work. WPC Thomson admits that it takes considerable confidence to stand in front of 22 men and teach them how to quell disorder. She said: "At the warm-up, you get sexist remarks. You just make light of it. Once you actually start instructing, there is no problem. Once they realise you can teach them something, they will listen."

Armed roles have involved providing cover for raids on the homes or hideouts of armed robbers. Other operations in which she has participated have included dealing with domestic disputes where a gun is involved and the police might be called to lift a siege.

In 1987, Thames Valley was the scene of the Hungerford massacre, when a gunman killed 16 including a police constable. Does WPC Thomson think about the danger? "I would not say I have not thought about it just before a job but it has never worried me. We cover so many scenarios in training, it really does prepare you for anything."

Before she goes to work, WPC Thomson makes sure her daughter is well looked-after, "otherwise I would not be able to concentrate on what I am doing", she said. What does her daughter think? When taunted by another child because her mother was a policewoman, the little girl replied: "Yes, but she's a mummy first."

Inner-city veteran leads from front

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

FOURTEEN years ago, Anne Summers was cowering inside a cafe being pelted with rocks as riots erupted in Bristol's inner city. Yesterday, she was back in the front line as the first woman officer to take charge of policing the St Paul's district.

From her office in Trinity Road police station, Supt Summers surveys a beat she first patrolled as a young constable. The force then had a separate women's division looking after juveniles, children and family matters. Serious crime was left to the men.

Little did the young woman, who joined the police to gain some grounding for a career in social work, think that years later she would plan and take part in raids for drugs and illegal alcohol in St Paul's. Or that, at 42, she would be in charge of 166 officers and 23 civilians, responsible for policing a population of 50,000 where 25 per cent are from ethnic minorities and unemployment levels reach 30 per cent.



She was surprised to get the job because such an assignment usually went to someone on transfer, not to an officer gaining promotion. "It is a tough place to be, but the feedback from the community has been good," she said.

"At meetings, people say they are pleased a woman has the job and that it is good to move away from the macho stereotype that inner cities must be policed in a particular hard way."

When the law has to be enforced, Supt Summers operates a tough regime. Her baptism of fire came in 1980 when she took part in a raid on the Black and White club that sparked rioting in St Paul's and resulted in her being trapped with seven colleagues inside the building for two hours.

"We were under fire from bricks, bottles and stones. I was the only woman in the raid and my initial reaction was one of shock. I was frightened at the time."

After escaping from the building, she remained on duty. "I knew I was being hit by bricks and bottles, but it wasn't until I got home that I realised that I was covered in bruises," she said.

"You don't think about being frightened until you stop. It is the nature of the job. If you thought in terms of your personal safety, you would never get anywhere." Her work is dominated by management, but she is determined to maintain a high profile in the district and recently took part in a drugs raid, standing alongside her colleagues sealing off a street. PC Peter Eccles said: "It was great to come out of the house and see Ma'am standing in the front line, not behind it. I thought, 'that is leadership, she is prepared to be out there with us'."

That kind of compliment is, according to Supt Summers, an indication of how much attitudes in the service have changed. As a newly promoted inspector ten years ago, some of her male colleagues questioned whether she was capable to doing the job.

Another example of sexism occurred at a promotion interview. "I'd been 15 years in the force and I was asked if I intended to make the police my career," she said. "It was ignorance really. I have noticed a great change in attitudes towards me.

"I have more self-confidence and men's attitudes have changed. They see more women taking responsibility."

Prime suspect for a gritty role model

BY A STAFF REPORTER

JACKIE Malton is the woman detective who advised Lynda La Plante on the creation of Det Chief Insp Jane Tennison, the gritty heroine of the successful *Prime Suspect* drama. Male officers may never forgive her; woman officers praise her.

Although Det Chief Insp Malton insists she is not the model for Tennison, she concedes there are similarities. She will also admit the television detective's battles over sexism and discrimination and the characters she confronts have been painted from her own experiences.

Sitting in her office in west London where a poster from the series has pride of place, Miss Malton said: "It's drama at the end of the day — and the Met and the rest of the world have to believe that — with a bit of reality thrown in."

At 42, Miss Malton is one of two female detective chief inspectors among the 307 women serving with 3,800 male officers in Scotland Yard's CID. There are also four female superintendents or chief superintendents, ten inspectors and 40 sergeants. Women have found it difficult to break into the male bastion of detective work. Miss Malton, like Tennison, is one of the survivors.

She arrived in London in 1979 after becoming a detective sergeant in Leicestershire. "I am no good in leafy surburbia," Miss Malton said. "I am fascinated by the seedy streets of the East End and King's Cross."

After two years, she joined the Flying Squad, the most famous Yard unit and one steeped in decades of masculine tradition. The thrill was shortlived. "I found the Flying Squad tough, very tough. There was a lot of macho behaviour. I felt constantly isolated."

She went on dawn raids to confront armed robbery networks that dominated the underworld in the 1980s, and would find a police driver sitting safely out of danger pontificating on the injustice of equal opportunities.

The criminals showed a greater sense of equality. "I don't think the armed robbers were particularly sexist," she said. "They had total contempt for the lot of us. That made me feel a bit better."

Miss Malton, who has also served in the fraud squad, believes the Met has improved since her Flying Squad days.

Family women turn to part-time solution

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BAND of policewomen has paved the way for a work pattern that could revolutionise the status of female officers and give mothers the chance to return to work and reach the top ranks.

After trials with 220 officers in six forces, the Home Office has lifted regulations that banned officers from part-time duties. The Government benefits from more flexible policing and recoups the initial investment in training.

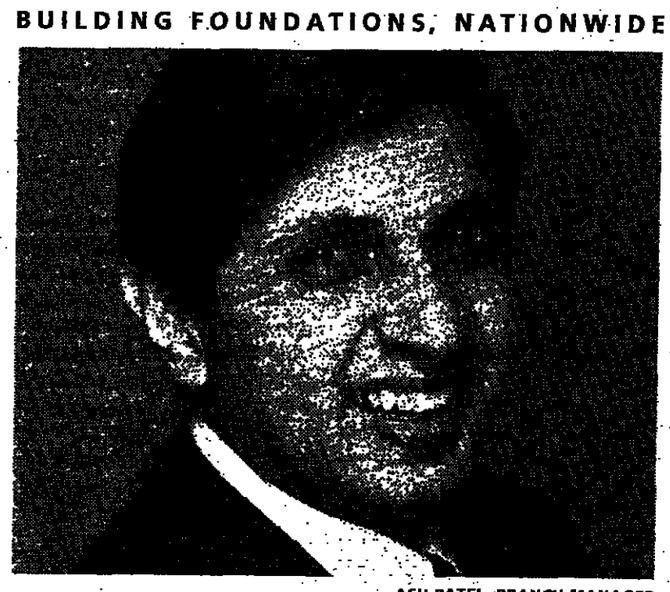
Sarah Foxall and Tracy Causer share a beat in the West Midlands. They are treated as one person when the duty rota is prepared at Sutton Coldfield station and each receives half pay. Part-time working offers women officers an opportunity to keep in touch and later to resume a full-time career.

Jan Robinson, 41, and an enthusiastic part-timer, patrols 15 villages and hamlets near Bicester in Oxfordshire. She works 32 hours a week in four eight-hour shifts.

She said: "I have a three day weekend but I don't think being part-time affects the policing. I try that bit harder because I am part-time."

WPC Robinson, who is married to a police inspector and has two children, said her biggest test on returning to the police after five years was the fitness programme rather than the attitude of other officers. "I thought other officers would think I had a cushy number, but there's been no opposition."

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Auckland's finest carry the can as an eccentric tries to remove the smell of monarchy

Whatever next? asks Prince after air freshener attack

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN WELLINGTON

THE great air freshener attack on the Prince of Wales was yesterday in danger of being committed to the stone tablets of immutable legend. It was, in truth, a tiny incident and nobody was hurt.

Media interest briefly reached fever pitch. Policemen were alert for copycat attacks after the potentially much more serious incident in Sydney two weeks ago. The only people more alert were reporters and cameramen.

The Times was accompanying the Prince on his Auckland harbour walkabout when the attacker struck. A hissing noise over the shoulder, a lemony smell and, within seconds, a furious rugby scrum. There was, in a split second, time to note a middle-aged man with frizzy white hair before he was wrestled to the ground by six police officers, one of them a tiny Julie Beeke, just out of training school. Helmets flew. The police acted with remarkable swiftness and had the man on the floor before he got within 12ft of the Prince.



WPC Beeke: tackled the would-be sprayer

The green plastic cap of his Ozore Country Air aerosol rolled on the ground, and an enterprising journalist pocketed it as a souvenir, oblivious to the possible need for fingerprints.

New Zealand's efficient but friendly police force were quick to issue their side of the story. The man had been behind a security barrier when he launched his attack, and was still behind the barrier when tackled, they said. This was patently untrue. The man was squirting his scent by *The Times*'s right ear, and *The Times* was well within the *cordon sanitaire*.

The assailant was a harmless but well-known Auckland eccentric, Castislav Bracanov, 58, a Croatian who has lived in New Zealand for 30 years, is well known to both police and hosts of radio talk-back programmes. Within the last week he called a local radio station and announced his intention to make trouble for the heir to the New Zealand throne.

In 1985, he was apprehended for throwing horse manure at the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. Two years later, he was detained for yelling abuse at Queen Margrethe of Denmark. In 1988, he threw a fresh supply of horse droppings at King Juan Carlos of Spain. In 1990, he threw yet more dung in the path of runners carrying the Queen's baton to the Commonwealth Games in Auckland.

On the day before the Prince's arrival, the police visited Mr Bracanov at his home in Auckland to advise him against outrageous behaviour. They called again yesterday morning, but he was already on his way to the quayside. They had him in their sights, however. When he pressed the button to remove the nasty smell of monarchy, they were on top of him in a flash. No fly spray yet invented works so quickly.

The Prince, who had been enjoying meeting crews engaged in the Whitbread round-the-world race during their five-week Auckland stopover, appeared largely unmoved. He turned to his staff and in his dry, self-deprecating way remarked: "Whatever next?"

Before we are done, we fear an egg.

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Castislav Bracanov, a seasoned protester, is taken away by Auckland police

Boy wins £1.25m for injuries

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A BOY of seven severely brain-damaged during a "traumatic" hospital birth was yesterday awarded compensation worth £1.25 million in the High Court in Birmingham.

The agreed award against Dudley Health Authority to James Tweedie, who is unable to use his arms or legs, is in the form of a structured settlement.

James suffered brain damage during a complicated breech birth at Wordsley Hospital, Stourbridge, in June 1986.

After the hearing, his father Richard Tweedie, 36, of Shatterford, Hereford and Worcester, said: "I was present at the birth and things just weren't organised that night. Staff were there but when the emergency arose they couldn't deal with it."

Henry Foster, the authority's chief executive, said the settlement had been calculated to cover all James's future needs.

Tougher test to curb new drivers

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

NEW drivers convicted during their first two years may have their licence withdrawn, be made to display L plates and have to retake a tougher test under measures to be announced tomorrow.

Although the proposals will apply to all newly qualified motorists, they are intended to curb drivers aged 17 to 21. Such people represents only 10 per cent of drivers and do below average milage, yet they are involved in 20 per cent of accidents.

Learner drivers will also face a written test to examine their knowledge and attitudes before going on the road with an examiner.

Ministers are also considering subjecting learner drivers to a video "game" to test their hazard perception skills. The "game" involves watching a ten-minute video of routine driving and pushing a button when they see a hazard.

Dr Frank McKenna, the psychologist in charge of the Transport Department-funded programme, said tests had shown that young drivers were much slower than experienced drivers at spotting hazards. "Although written tests may be cheaper, they do not really assess reaction time or awareness to everyday motoring situations," he said.

As reported in *The Times* last month, young drivers who agree to pay for additional tuition once they have passed their test could qualify for lower insurance premiums.

The £70, five-hour voluntary courses would involve motorway driving, driving in hazardous conditions and driving at night. Examiners would also assess the mental attitude of young drivers to determine if they displayed aggressive tendencies.

The AA said that unless the proposals were effective at curbing high-risk motorists and enforceable by the police, the lengthy consultation period would have been a waste of time.

Andrew Howard, the AA's head of road safety, said: "Only a minority of younger drivers can be classified as unsafe and measures must focus on this group." The AA favoured new drivers being retested if they incurred penalty points through bad driving. "Knowing that just one offence could bring a driving ban or reversion to L plate status would be a powerful incentive to safer driving in the first crucial year."

Edmund King, of the RAC, said: "We are a bit concerned if a ban is automatic. We think magistrates shoud be given discretion. It should depend on the nature of the offence."

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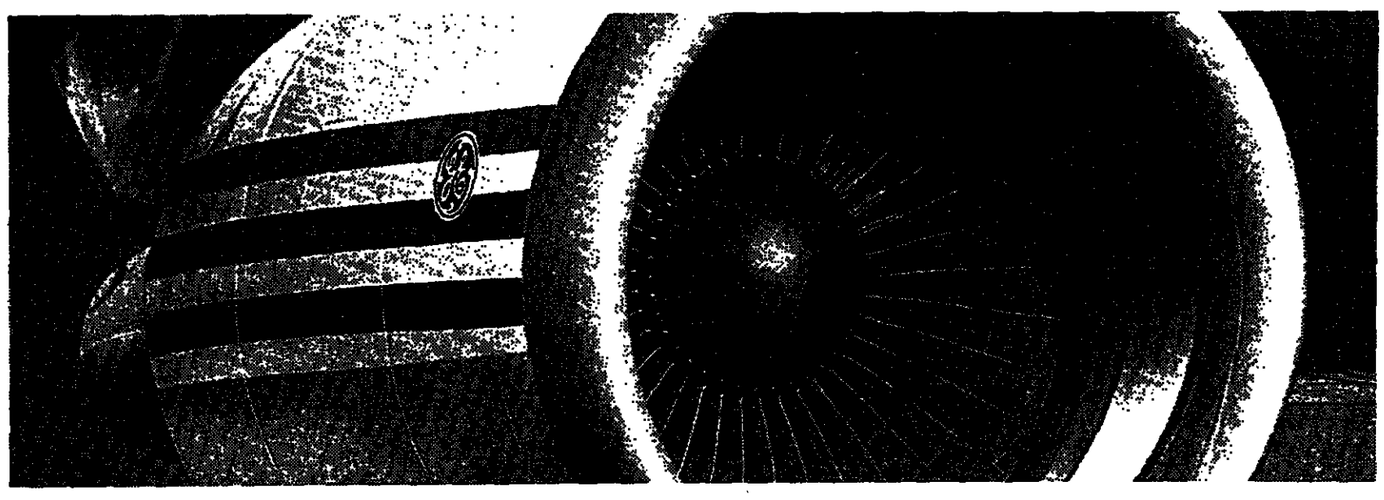
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The road from Rio: Gummer executes a U-turn to speed Britain's environmental drive

Out-of-town consumer boom ends

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

JOHN Gummer brought the era of the out-of-town shopping centre to a close yesterday when he told the Commons of an about-turn in government policy as part of its commitment to the Rio treaty.

The reversal comes from a Government that fostered the consumer boom of the 1980s when some of the largest shopping malls in Europe opened, leading to swaths of British countryside disappearing under concrete.

It will mean significant changes in the shopping habits of Britons grown used to driving many miles to the edges of towns and cities for their weekly purchases. From now on, the emphasis is back on partly abandoned town and city centres as the main forum for consumption.

The shift was flagged last week when the Environment Secretary refused planning consent for superstores outside Ludlow and Cambridge, two of England's most beautiful and historic settlements. There are to be no more Thurrock Lakesides and no more Gateshead MetroCentres. The change has already provoked deep concern from property companies, many of which have the superstore development programme to thank for their survival during the recession.

The new policy helps in the implementation of two key commitments made by the Prime Minister at the Rio de Janeiro environmental summit two years ago. Less use of the car for shopping will help reduce harmful emissions, while communities will be strengthened by the revival of the town centre.

Or so the theory goes. The road from Rio shares much in common with the famous Damascus highway. It was miracle enough persuading the leaders of 178 countries to sign their names to the Rio Treaty on the environment in June 1992. Translating the good intentions expressed in the documents into political action by self-interested governments was always going to be an awesome challenge.

Few can be more aware of the dangers than John Major. Implementing the commitments on cutting emissions of greenhouse gases has already helped lose him a Chancellor and contributed to the unprecedented unpopularity of the Government. However hard the Government protested that VAT on fuel was unavoidable because of Rio commitments, a £3 billion tax that hit pensioners hardest at a time of crisis in the nation's finances could never be a vote winner.

There is much more to come. Two weeks ago at the launch of *Taking Rio Forward*, four documents spelling out the Government's response to the conference, the Prime Minister admitted that cultural changes such as paying for using roads were unlikely to have people "dancing in the streets".

However, in the Commons yesterday, Mr Gummer made clear the Government would not be deflected from the task it set itself in Rio. Two conventions, one on preserving biodiversity and one on controlling climatic change, form the core of the treaty. Britain has already ratified the climate change convention and has committed itself to reducing greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by 2000. It was that pledge which led directly to Norman Lamont's announcement of VAT on fuel in March last year.

The bio-diversity convention has proved more problematic. America refused to sign up to it in Rio although it has subsequently relented. Britain has signed but has not yet ratified because of concerns that the financial provisions of the convention were not fully under the control of the developed world.

Those problems are close to being resolved and Britain is expected to ratify the convention by this summer.

ALAN GLENWRIGHT



There will be no more developments like the MetroCentre at Gateshead, one of the largest malls in Europe

Giant that never got off the ground

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

IT WAS during the optimistic Thatcher years that planners decided that Cambridge city centre was inadequate to meet the public's appetite for shopping. Largely a conservation area, it was too crowded with colleges and other architectural gems to enable the building of new shops.

Cambridgeshire County Council signalled its approval for out-of-town shopping as early as 1985, and by the end of the decade three proposals were on the table.

The favourite was on farmland owned by one of the Cambridge colleges, Gonville and Caius, at Duxford, nine miles south of the city centre next to the M11. Grosvenor Developments and Tesco Stores were behind the proposed "sub-regional shopping centre", with space for 4,500 cars, which would be the largest of its kind between Brent Cross in north London and the MetroCentre on Tyneside.

"There was popular outrage among the residents when the full implications became clear to them," said Lawrence Wragg, a merchant banker and chairman of the pressure group South Cambridgeshire Against Rural Extinction (Scare).

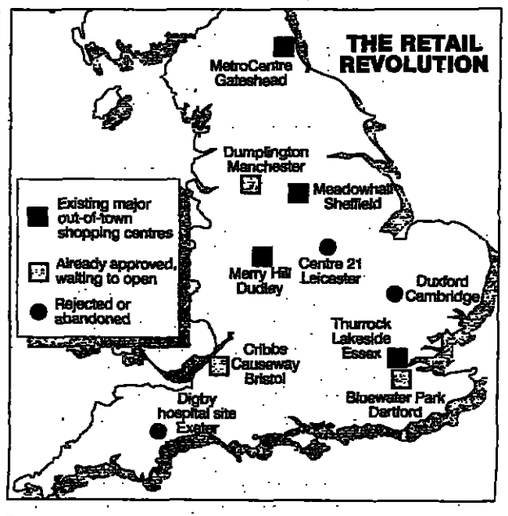
The Duxford site was to include one or two department stores, a food supermarket, other shops, restaurants, a food court and a petrol station. The plans included a community service element, a modest swimming pool with a hall. It did little to stifle resistance.

At its peak, Scare had nearly 2,000 members. Pensioners gave their spare time to work for the campaign, companies allowed the group to use their photocopiers free, and schoolchildren organised sponsored walks which helped to raise £20,000 to fight the proposals.

For the four-month long enquiry which began in 1991, the campaigners hired a planning consultant to put their case. Two rival schemes to the north and east of Cambridge were considered at the same time as Duxford.

By then, though, the retail boom was over. The county council realised there was no need for such a large development and argued against it. The enquiry inspector chose Duxford as the best of the three schemes.

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, announced last week that he was rejecting the proposal because of the damaging effect it could have on the vitality of Cambridge, and because of transport problems. He made it clear that the decision was meant to set an example.



Developers with proposals for out-of-town shopping centres are nervously waiting to see how strictly John Gummer intends to curb them.

The MetroCentre in Gateshead is regarded as the largest of its kind in Europe. Other schemes described as "regional or subregional shopping centres" are Lakeside at Thurrock, Essex, Meadowhall in Sheffield and Merry Hill in Dudley.

There are three sites with planning permission for similarly large developments, designed to attract shoppers from several counties: Bluewater Park at Dartford, Kent; Cribbs Causeway, Bristol; and the Dumplington project near Manchester.

Three other ambitious proposals have been abandoned. Centre 21 in Leicester was ruled out in favour of a smaller shopping centre.

Plans for the Digby hospital site in Exeter were abandoned when the district council decided to concentrate on city centre shops instead, and Duxford, near Cambridge, was rejected by Mr Gummer last week.

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Lib Dems play down European message

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Liberal Democrats will today drop their "evangelical" approach to Europe in an attempt to rid the party of its centralist image.

A report which sets the agenda for the European elections in June puts forward the case for greater devolution and more subsidiarity. It will make clear that, although the Liberal Democrats are the most pro-European of the main political parties, they will not accept the union "warts and all".

Senior party members have become increasingly concerned that the Liberal Democrats are in danger of putting off voters by the party's apparent kowtowing to Brussels. "There will be no evangelical approach to Europe. The rose-tinted spectacles have been removed," one official said.

The party, which has no European seats, is trying to play down its chances of big wins in the elections, though it could gain as many as 11 seats in the South and South West. Officials claim they will win three or four seats, but Paddy Ashdown, the party Leader, hopes to pull off a more dramatic coup.

Today's report represents a compromise between those wishing to play down the "federalist" word and the more pro-European members of the parliamentary party. It will spell out more precisely the party's definition of "federalism", which it claims has been deliberately misinterpreted by the Tory Party to mean centralisation. It will argue that, on the contrary, the party is committed to devolving power to the lowest effective level.

The Liberal Democrat document, which sets out its own blueprint for reforming the European Union, will also shelve the Liberal Democrats' previous pledge to cut defence spending by 50 per cent. The new report makes it clear that the policy cannot stand in the light of the latest events in former Yugoslavia.

"Everyone has to revise their opinions in the light of the rise of nationalism, conflict and instability in Eastern and Central Europe," it says, calling instead for a comprehensive defence review. However, the decision to drop the pledge is partly a ploy to deflect Tory charges that thousands of defence jobs would be lost.

The report, which will be followed by a European manifesto nearer the elections, will also suggest that, if Britain and France are to take the main roles in Nato's European Reaction Force, then both countries should be compensated by those who spend less than the average.

Over the next few months the Liberal Democrats will set their aims in a domestic context to explain to the electorate what Europe can do for Britain.

In a separate move designed to turn the tables on the Tories, the Liberal Democrats have put down a Commons motion pointing out that the European People's Party has its headquarters at Conservative Central Office. While the EPP represents the right wing in Europe, the Tories are deliberately distancing themselves from its European manifesto. The EPP statutes support "the unification and federative integration in Europe ... and the realisation of a United States of Europe".

A Commons early day motion tabled by Sir Russell Johnston, the party's Europe spokesman, calls on the Tories to "either admit their support for the statutes of the EPP or evict their tenants".



Ashdown: hoping for dramatic coup in the European parliament elections

Lamont leads 'Valentine's Day massacre' of ERM

BY ANDREW PIERCE

NORMAN Lamont will return to the political limelight next week with a warning to John Major not to take Britain back into the European exchange-rate mechanism.

While the speech, to the Dow Jones economics conference, will contain no criticism of the Prime Minister, it will refer to the circumstances which led to the Government's forced departure from the ERM when Mr Lamont was Chancellor. Downing Street will be alarmed that Mr Lamont is prepared to reopen the debate on such a divisive issue so close to June's European parliament elections, which are rapidly turning into a referendum on John Major's leadership.

Last week Mr Lamont was spotted dining separately with Michael Heseltine and Michael Portillo, two leading contenders for Mr Major's job, only days after his interview in *The Times* Magazine in which he poured scorn on the Prime Minister's leadership. The fact that Mr Lamont led Major's leadership campaign was not lost on Conservative MPs.

Tory whips will be relieved to learn that Mr Major will not be in Mr Lamont's sights when he speaks at the Queen Elizabeth conference centre in Westminster next Monday on "Where now for the ERM". Any analysis of Mr Major's performance on "Black Wednesday" will be saved for Mr Lamont's memoirs.

Also next Monday, Lord Tebbit, the arch Euro-sceptic, will return to the fray. Lord Tebbit, who last week pledged his support for Mr Major's leadership, will chair a high-profile anti-federalist conference in the City. It will be addressed by Sir Alan Walters, Margaret Thatcher's favourite economics adviser. The conference, which will be an attack on further moves towards European monetary union, has been organised by City Concern Over a Federal Europe, which is led by Lord Tebbit, among others. One Tory source said last night: "Coming on the same day as Lamont's speech it will be the equivalent of the Valentine's Day massacre for the ERM."

Mr Lamont is concerned that Tory Party attempts to suppress debate on European union will not succeed in the run-up to the June elections. Conservative Central Office has already banned the use of "federalism" in the Tory campaign for fear of offending Britain's EC partners.

The Thatcherite No Turning Back Group of Tory MPs has led the objections. Mr Lamont's speech will ensure that he remains at the centre of the European debate. His carefully crafted speech to the Dow Jones conference is being written by Rupert Darwell, his special adviser at the Treasury, and the latest recruit to his kitchen cabinet, Michael Romain, a political strategist, who has written speeches for Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary.

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Labour tells Major to take blame for aid deal

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major was accused last night of trying to dissociate himself from the Pergau dam affair after he denied overruling expert advice over £234 million aid to Malaysia.

The Prime Minister has denied that he instructed Sir Tim Lankester, permanent secretary to the Overseas Development Adminstration, to pay the money to Malaysia.

Sir Tim told MPs last month that he was told to pay the money after Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, had discussed the matter with Mr Major. He told the Commons Public Accounts Committee that he had received a written ministerial instruction to make the payment after he wrote to Mr Hurd objecting.

Sir Tim said "the final decision was taken in consultation with the current Prime Minister, in February 1991". MPs on the committee took this to mean that Mr Major had approved the decision to go ahead with the project, which critics claim was linked to promises by Malaysia to order £1.3 billion worth of British defence equipment. However, when Mr Major was asked in the Commons to list recent occasions when he had decided that a written direction should be issued overruling an accounting officer's advice, he replied: "None, so far as I am aware."

Although Labour MPs conceded that the formal decision would come from Mr Hurd, they insisted last night that Mr Major was "hiding behind legal niceties". Alan Williams, the Labour MP who put the question to Mr Major, said: "Mr Major can't distance himself from this. If he was consulted, he has to take responsibility for the decision."

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: defence; Prime Minister. Deregulation and Contracting Out Bill, second reading.
Lords (2.30): Statutory Sick Pay Bill, third reading. Non-Domestic Rating Bill, committee. Debates on the British Youth Council and on London Underground.

No UK scandal lurks in muddy water of Pergau

The real mystery of the Pergau arms-for-dam affair is not the recent spate of allegations, but why anyone should regard it as a great scandal. It is a murky business, but so are many such projects. The commitment to British aid for an economically dubious dam in Malaysia was in practice linked to a big arms deal. This was against the spirit, though possibly not the precise letter, of the official guidelines on overseas aid. Along the way, there may have been corruption and bribes at the Malaysian end.

There is no evidence, however, of any corruption in the British Government. Baroness Thatcher's aim was simply to increase British exports and jobs. If that involved some nods and winks about arms deals, so what. As Lord Younger, the former Defence Secretary, and a key participant, said last week: "Great Britain plc has come out of all this very well." This attitude may outrage the moralists, but will not surprise anyone involved in negotiating large projects with Third World countries.

MODEL FOR POLITICS

This is a world of realpolitik, not of codes of business ethics — of Alan Clark, not George Carey. You do not have to share Michael Portillo's more bizarre views about commercial behaviour overseas to recognise that doing deals in Kuala Lumpur is not the same as in King's Lynn.

Big arms deals are seldom straightforward. They often involve heads of government directly and can seldom be isolated from other aspects of policy, such as aid. The heart of the story was Lady Thatcher's desire to revive trade relations with Malaysia after a breach in the early 1980s. That led to the March 1988 protocol for a defence contract signed by Lord Younger which mentioned "aid in support of non-military aspects under this programme". This reference was deleted at the insistence of the Foreign Office.

The Government has maintained the public stand that there is no linkage, and the aid money has not been used to buy weapons. But the go-ahead for the arms deal was always dependent on the parallel decision to provide aid for the dam.

Once Lady Thatcher had agreed a memorandum of understanding with Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Malaysian Prime Minister, other ministers, including John Major and Douglas Hurd, argued that they were bound by the undertaking she had given.

That explains why Mr Hurd overruled the doubts of the Overseas Development Administration and the highly unusual formal objection by Sir Tim Lankester, its permanent secretary. He behaved correctly since it is the Overseas Development Administration's role to assess the economic viability of projects under the aid and trade provisions. But only those who regard overseas aid as somehow outside politics can believe that this assessment should always be paramount. Some ministers question whether it would have smacked of neo-colonialist attitudes to second guess the Malaysian government's desire to have the hydro-electric dam.

As long as Britain is involved in arms sales at all, Malaysia is a reasonable recipient. Although its government has sometimes been highly critical of Britain, Malaysia has never been actively hostile, or a threat to its neighbours like Iraq. So there is no real parallel with the Scott enquiry into the Iraqi arms affair.

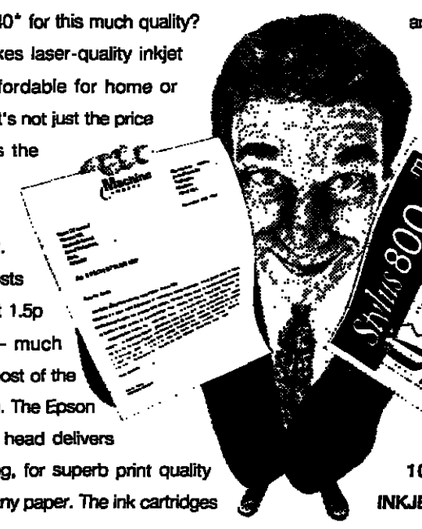
The whole episode is less a scandal than an example of Lady Thatcher's distinctive approach to securing contracts with foreign governments, relying on personal contacts with leaders and businessmen and understandings which bound her ministers and successors. Corners may have been cut, but orders were obtained for Britain, and jobs were safeguarded.

PETER RIDDELL

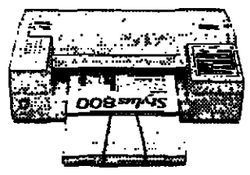
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Bonn traces smuggling trail

Dealers name price for nuclear terror

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German secret service has given Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, an analysis of how nuclear material is being smuggled from Eastern Europe to the West. The report also identifies customers for stolen enriched uranium, including "two extremist Islamic fundamentalist groups".

The 18-page document was leaked in the latest issue of *Der Spiegel* magazine and was confirmed yesterday by Dr Bernd Schmidbauer, who co-ordinates the intelligence services. He said that 300 to 350 genuine cases of illegal export of uranium and other strategic metals had been registered over the past two years. He said that there was as yet no firm evidence that nuclear material had been acquired by terrorists.

The secret service, the BND, has discovered that terrorists are in the market either for nuclear material or for expertise, *Der Spiegel* reported. Most deals seem to be struck in Vilnius and Kaunas in Lithuania and the smuggled material arrives through middle men in Germany. Most of the German salesmen are under observation by the police for illegal sales of conventional weaponry. A few used to work for companies now bankrupt, run by the East German Stasi. The report gives a black market price list of strategic materials: $25,000 (£16,000) for a kilo of chromium 50; $10 million for a kilo of lithium 6; and up to $1 million for a kilo of caesium 137. Sources of supply have included the Geo-Physical Institute in Tbilisi, Georgia, a storage depot for atomic submarines in Murmansk and a nuclear plant in Lithuania. Detectives are hampered in their research because there is perfectly legal and profitable business in rare metals such as scandium. The possible military function of scandium is unclear but the dealers in the metal, touring the former Soviet Union, often come into contact with purveyors of more sensitive and potentially dangerous materials.

The report says the business is thick with confidence tricksters. The German agents have a record of dealings in "red mercury", now fetching about $300,000 a kilo, back to 1980. Frequently, the investigators said, red mercury — supposed to increase the capability of missiles or even make possible the construction of a mini-nuclear bomb — is little more than mercury or mercury oxide.

Cologne: Pay talks in the Germany's metalworking industry, renewed after strikes, broke off without result. Both sides said they remained far apart. Union leaders went into a meeting of their national council to decide their next step. *(AP)*

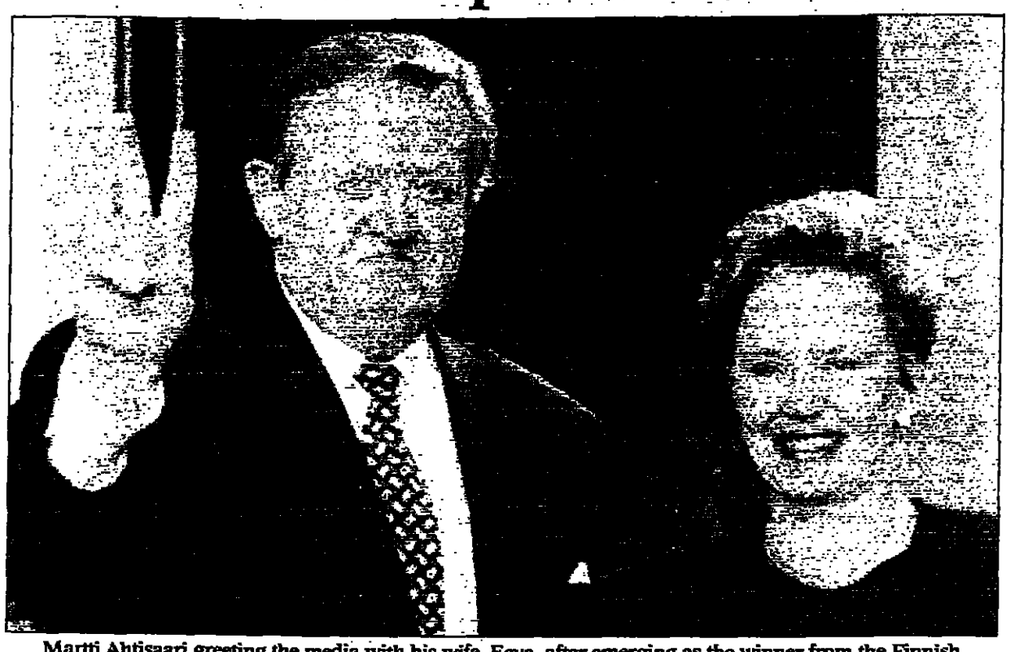
Diplomatic Finn wins presidential race

FROM OLLI KIVINEN IN HELSINKI

THE hectic evening spent counting the results after Finland's presidential election turned into a celebration among the supporters of both final-round candidates when the loser, Elisabeth Rehn, the Defence Minister, said that her 46.1 per cent of the vote represented a great victory.

There were no tears in her eyes as she joined her supporters in a Helsinki hotel. Ms Rehn, of the minority Swedish People's Party, said: "Didn't we women score a fantastic victory? These barriers, sex and language, were broken for good. For me it was most important that we did not choose a populist campaign. Perhaps that was stupid, but I have always wanted to remain honest. I can look in the mirror and I see more wrinkles than before, but it feels damn good," the 58-year-old minister said.

The postal vote was released three minutes after the polling booths closed on Sunday and it became clear then that Martti Ahtisaari had won. The candidates embraced and said that their long-standing friendship had not suffered during the extremely polite campaign.



Martti Ahtisaari greeting the media with his wife, Eeva, after emerging as the winner from the Finnish presidential election. Mr Ahtisaari has spent most of the past 20 years abroad as an envoy

Mr Ahtisaari's supporters' party at the Social Democratic Party headquarters turned into a feast of beer and "Mara" sausage, so called after the new President's nickname. Mr Ahtisaari scored an important personal victory, taking 53.9 per cent of the vote compared with his party's usual 25 per cent share of the poll. He said that he would keep quiet until his inauguration on March 1.

The President-elect has said that he has two important tasks for inauguration day: he will discuss with Esko Aho, the Prime Minister, the possibility of changing the government's economic policy, and test the sauna in the brand-new presidential residence.

Russia plumps for revolution with chocolate



*The success of Western chocolate has led to grumbles about Russian 'Snickerisation'. **Anne McElvoy** reports*

The voice of the stewardess over the intercom brought, as usual, unwelcome news. "Ladies and gentlemen, due to a technical failure by ground staff in Moscow we have no food for the journey."

There were immediate stirrings of rebellion: the passengers who, having been delayed eight hours at the airport and had a four-hour flight ahead of them, were glum and hungry. On these occasions the stewardesses tend to make themselves scarce until the protests fade into sullen silence.

On this flight, however, a freshly lipsticked cabin chief, Lena, popped up a few minutes later to announce a rare treat. "We have had a kind offer from one of our passengers ... he will sell you your favourite chocolate bars to replace the meal at very good prices." This modest improvement in service was greeted with a round of grateful applause and Lena began trundling her trolley, loaded with Mars, Twix and Snickers bars, up and down the aisle.

"I'll have all three," said the bulky Turkoman next to me. "And *devushka*, if you have any left please save me some. They cost fifteen times the price in Ashkabad." Hardly any of the adults declined, and the children were excited.

Western confectionery is the foreign commodity that has made the deepest penetration in the Russian market, even in areas so remote where no other foreign goods have reached. Saturation advertising began even before the products were available to whet appetites and curiosity. This was followed by a distribution drive outstripping even that which accompanied the consumer icons of the Gorbachev years — Marlboro cigarettes and Pepsi Cola.

The victims of this sweet revolution have been the old Russian brands with ideologically sound names such as Glory and Inspiration, and the children's favourites Pushkin Fairytales and Theatrical. They have all but disappeared.

Moscow's once-prestigious Red October chocolate factory has privatised itself and is said to be testing dark, bitter-sweet alternatives, more like the Soviet version. However, the habit of associating imported goods with luxury may be hard to break.

Western advertising and brand names have also introduced a new vocabularly into Russian politics. Opponents of reform lambast the "Snickerisation" of the country as a sideswipe at the flood of Western ideas and products.

Western chocolate manufacturers are now making a concerted stab at the market. But Oleg Bryanin, an advertising consultant in St Petersburg, said: "The golden age is over. During the past two years of upheaval, people broke with their old buying habits and were ripe to adopt new ones. That process has already been completed. We are now starting to talk about brand loyalty in Russia where previously we concentrated on novelty value."

Selling at about 900 roubles (33 pence), Mars bars and their sister products remain a luxury for most Russians on average incomes. But one bunch of gangsters recently resorted to hijacking a delivery lorry, making off with £25,000 worth of sweets. The "chocolate robbers" have since entered the legion of folk heroes among the children in the playgrounds of Moscow.

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Georgian killer of 'CIA agent' jailed

FROM REUTER IN TBILISI

GEORGIA'S Supreme Court sentenced a man to 15 years' hard labour yesterday for murdering an American diplomat in the former Soviet republic last year.

Dzhemal Leonidze, the judge, said that Anzor Sharmaidze, 21, had his property confiscated and was sentenced to 15 years in a labour camp. Fred Woodruff, 45, the diplomat, was killed on August 8 last year by a single bullet in the head while travelling in a car with the security chief of Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader.

American officials have refused to comment on reports that Woodruff was an employee of the CIA and was training Mr Shevardnadze's security team. Georgian authorities said that Woodruff's killer did not know the victim's identity and opened fire in an attempt to stop the car and take petrol.

Sharmaidze was found guilty of "premeditated murder with aggravating circumstances, carried out with hooligan motives and in a manner endangering many lives". He was also convicted on charges of burglary and the illegal possession of weapons.

Mr Leonidze said Sharmaidze had pleaded guilty but had changed his plea at the last minute, denying that he had been at the site of the murder, six miles from the Georgian capital. The judge said that Sharmaidze had no right of appeal.

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Vincent Foster: the man who may have known too much to survive as Clinton aide

Clues keep up clamour on lawyer murder theory

Martin Fletcher reports from Washington on a scandal that may have claimed the life of the Clintons' old friend and lawyer. Suspicion hinges on a business deal in Little Rock involving the President and his wife

THERE is growing suspicion in Washington that Vincent Foster, old friend of the Clintons and a key figure in the swelling Whitewater scandal, may not have committed suicide one hot afternoon last July, as is officially claimed.

The White House version is that the man who knew more than anyone about the Clintons' dealings with a bankrupt Little Rock financier shot himself in a little-frequented park overlooking the Potomac. But the question first posed by Mr Clinton's right-wing opponents is beginning to surface in the mainstream press: was he silenced to protect the President?

Foster was the Clintons' personal lawyer during the 1980s. He took charge of the Administration's Whitewater damage control after becoming deputy White House counsel early in 1993. He was also, according to members of Mr Clinton's former bodyguard, Mrs Clinton's erstwhile lover. The police and Justice Department have no doubt that Foster committed suicide.

But there are just enough suspicious circumstances to give the murder theory plausibility. Foster supposedly shot himself through the mouth, but there was remarkably little blood and gore. His body was laid out straight. The gun remained in his hand whereas normally in such suicides it would have been "catapulted" away from his body.

The Washington Post says the US Park Police waited nearly a month before having Foster's 1913 Colt .38 forensically tested to establish it was the weapon used. What did Foster do in the three or four hours between 1pm, when he left the White House, and the estimated time of his death? Who was the mystery caller who alerted the police to the whereabouts of Foster's body and then disappeared? Why could the bullet with which Foster apparently shot himself not be found? Whose was the empty blue Mercedes standing in the car park at the time with its hazard lights flashing? Why should a handsome, gregarious 48-year-old at the pinnacle of his career, with an adoring family and no history of mental imbalance, suddenly take his own life after a weekend at the beach?

Foster's "suicide note" is also the subject of retrospective scrutiny. Two days after his death, Bernard Nussbaum, the White House counsel, went through the contents of Foster's White House office in the presence of police and FBI investigators. He looked into Foster's briefcase and found nothing.

According to the White House, it was only when an assistant of Mr Nussbaum's rechecked the briefcase four days later that the 27 pieces of the torn-up note were found. It was another 30 hours before the White House gave the note to the investigators, having first shown it to Mr Clinton, Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, and Foster's widow, Lisa. The note conformed with the White House line that Foster was depressed and hated life in Washington. "Here ruining people is considered sport," he wrote.

In dribs and drabs, the White House has yielded details of Mr Nussbaum's actions in those first few days, starting with his nocturnal visit to Foster's office just three hours after the discovery of his colleague's body. He was accompanied by Patsy Thomasson, a White House aide imported from Little Rock, and Margaret Williams, Mrs Clinton's chief of staff. Mr Nussbaum claims they were just looking for a suicide note and left empty-handed after just 10 minutes. Mr Nussbaum failed to seal or guard the office overnight. He barred investigators from entering the next day. The formal search of Foster's office began on July 22 and consisted of Mr Nussbaum, citing executive privilege, sorting methodically through his colleague's papers and describing the contents but refusing to let the investigators read them. It was another four months before the White House admitted aides had removed all files on Whitewater from Foster's office during those first few days and turned them over to the Clintons' private lawyer.

Even if Foster did indeed commit suicide, his reasons for doing so now appear more sinister. It has since been learned that the Whitewater scandal was very much on his mind that fine July day.



Vincent and Lisa Foster enjoying an evening out with Hillary and Bill Clinton, when he was Governor of Arkansas

Details not consistent with a suicide

☐ Those first at the scene cite details inconsistent with suicide: too little blood and the gun still in Foster's hand.

☐ The post-mortem examination report has yet to be released and neither the bullet nor the mystery caller who alerted the police have been found. Foster's movements in the three hours before his death are unaccounted for.

☐ Six days after his death, Foster's "suicide note" was found in a briefcase previously checked. Only the text, not a copy of the handwritten note,

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

was released by the White House. Foster's fingerprints could not be found on the note by the FBI, only unusable palm smudges.

☐ White House aides searched his office within hours of his death and removed Whitewater files. Police say the White House impeded their investigation.

☐ The police report has not been released six months after the event despite the Justice Department's initial promises that it and the post-mortem examination report would be published speedily. The department is blocking their publication on the ground that they must first be reviewed by Robert Fiske, the special counsel appointed to investigate the Whitewater affair, but *The Wall Street Journal* is suing to obtain them under the Freedom of Information Act.

☐ Lisa Foster was indirectly quoted as saying that her husband was depressed, but has not spoken directly to the media.

Events leading to special enquiry

☐ July 20: Foster receives two telephone calls about Whitewater. Leaves the White House at 1.00pm and is found dead in a park between 4.00 and 5.00pm.

☐ July 22: Police and FBI investigators barred from Foster's office the previous day, are allowed only to watch as Nussbaum sifts through his colleague's papers.

☐ July 26: Foster's "suicide note" discovered in his briefcase which had been checked four days earlier.

☐ July 29: White House reveals existence of note.

☐ August 10: Justice Department and Police conclude Foster committed suicide because of depression.

☐ August 12: Police finally

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seek forensic tests on Foster's gun.

☐ December 20: White House admits aides swiftly removed Whitewater files from Foster's office.

☐ December 24: Having earlier refused to release the Whitewater files, the White House announces it will give them to the Justice Department but only under terms preventing their public disclosure.

☐ January 12: President Clinton bows to pressure and agrees to a Whitewater special prosecutor.

☐ January 27: *New York Post* questions whether Foster was killed.

President tables get-tough budget

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday proposed some of the most stringent spending cuts ever submitted to Congress to secure what he hopes will be the lowest budget deficit in 15 years. Senior Administration officials hailed the $1,500 billion (£1,000 billion) budget as a return to fiscal prudence and necessary for a return to strong economic growth.

The budget deficit for the fiscal year 1995 has been put at $176 billion, or 2.5 per cent of gross domestic product, the lowest ratio since 1979. In actual size, the budget deficit is the lowest since 1989.

Leon Panetta, Mr Clinton's budget director, praised what he called "the most consistent deficit reduction in 40 years". In a television interview he said: "The most important thing we can do right now is to keep these deficits reduced, on a downward track. This is a $126-billion cut from what was the projected level of the deficit."

Mr Clinton had little leeway in his budget, whose overall ceilings were constrained by last year's deficit-reduction plan prescribing a freeze in discretionary spending, that part of the budget over which Congress and the Administration have direct control.

Within this area of the budget, the President proposed a shift in spending priorities involving increases in funds for crime prevention, policing, road building, technology research, and employment training. Against these increases stand decreases in public housing, public transport, and, most controversially, in heating subsidies.

Altogether, the President has proposed to cut or eliminate 300 programmes, incurring savings of about $22 billion, which are offset partly by new investments of $7 billion. The budget also contains a projection of a further $59 billion in deficit reductions between 1995 and 2000 if Congress adopts Mr Clinton's health care programme.

Unlike last year's budget, which also presented the framework for a five-year economic plan of spending cuts and tax rises, this budget does not include any significant key revenue-raising measures.

Unlike those in Britain, American budgets are not set in stone once presented. The Administration has the right only to propose, while Congress disposes, and there is no chance that Congress will accept the budget in its entirety. Liberals in the Democratic Party have already threatened to fight the proposed cuts in heating subsidies.

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Besieging troops around Sarajevo ready to turn guns against Nato strike force

Serb firepower makes air raids high-risk choice

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE AND MICHAEL EVANS IN SPLIT

■ The Serbs say that if they die, Bosnian Muslim soldiers will die with them since the two opposing forces are often no more than 90 feet apart

NATO planes have buzzed over Sarajevo and the rest of Bosnia for almost a year. Ostensibly, they have been enforcing the no-fly zone over the country. In part, though, they have been reconnoitring and photographing every inch of the country.

If and when the order is given to take out Serb positions around the Bosnian capital they will have plenty of targets, but the risks are high, both for planes and for civilians on both sides.

Except for the airport, Sarajevo is encircled by Serb forces in the surrounding hills. The main road from the Bosnian Serb political headquarters at Pale to the local military headquarters at Lukavica commands superb views of the city from the slopes of Mount Trebevic.

Mortars and heavy machineguns are dug into the Trebevic positions but heavier artillery is hidden in the thick woods. All the artillery and tank positions are highly mobile and could be moved within minutes of the start of an attack. Serb radar is also capable of tracking Nato airborne activity so, in the event of an attack, it can be expected that anti-aircraft positions would be at the ready.

The Serbs, facing their strongest warning yet of air strikes by Nato bombers are, however, prepared for their biggest test. Serb soldiers on Trebevic have always been philosophical about air strikes. They say that if they die, Bosnian Muslim soldiers on the other side of the trenches will also die with them, since Serb and Bosnian forces are often no more than 30 yards apart.

The strength of the Serbs lies in their artillery. Every United Nations location in Bosnia, with the possible exception of the Spanish battalion at Medjugorje, south of Mostar, is within range of Serb guns. Indeed, the Serbs have seized territory not through infantry attacks but with a barrage of artillery fire.

Any decision on air strikes must take into account the risk of retaliatory action against UN garrisons. This, however, would rapidly worsen the confrontation.

The Serbs have former Soviet D20 and D30 towed artillery with a range of more than ten miles. Their known static artillery positions, consisting of dug-in bunkers, are at Vogosca to the north of the Bosnian capital, and Raljvac and Stup to the west. Being mobile, the artillery pieces are frequently moved. The weapon that caused the carnage in Sarajevo's market on Saturday was a 120mm mortar, which can be moved in minutes and hidden in the thick forests above the city.

The Serbs have a range of firepower, some of which has not even been used against Sarajevo. These include M87 and M77 multiple-barrel rocket launchers. The M87, which fires 262mm rockets, has a range of more than 30 miles, the M77 about 12. They have also used their artillery effectively because they have a well-organised command and control system.

They have placed their guns in key positions; the British UN camps at Vitez, where Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, visited yesterday, Gornji Vakuf and Tomislavgrad are all well in range. The Serbs have launched the odd shell at these camps just to prove how vulnerable they are.

To keep clear of small-arms fire and anti-air missiles, Nato aircraft flying over Bosnia normally stay above 10,000ft unless they are on photographic reconnaissance missions. The Serbs are known to have a number of such weapons, among them SA6s, SA7s, SA8s and SA9s, although there is no evidence they are currently deployed around Sarajevo.

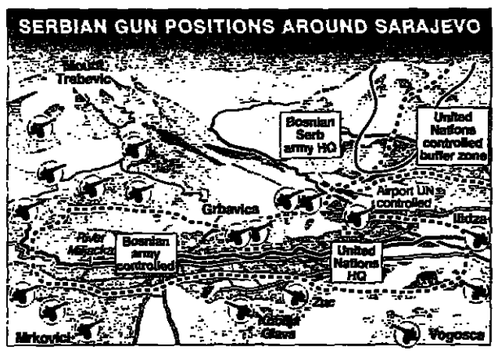
In the first air strikes, civilians would also perish. Although most of the Serb positions are in the hills, there are also Serb-held areas deep in the city itself. Grbavica cuts into the city centre. There, as in Nedarici and Serb-held parts of Dobrinja, gun positions are placed beside homes of local residents — just as they are on the other side of the confrontation line.

Bosnian Serb politicians and the top brass would take cover at their military headquarters in Han Pijesak, 36 miles northeast of Sarajevo. The Yugoslav Army built nuclear-proof bunkers there, capable of withstanding the full force of conventional air strikes.

UN ruling

Security Council Resolution 836 lays down that "member states ... may take, under the authority of the Security Council and subject to close co-ordination with the Secretary-General and Unprofor (the UN Protection Force), all necessary measures, through the use of air power, in and around the safe areas in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to support" Unprofor's mandate.

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Javier Solana, of Spain, talking to Alain Juppé, of France, before the meeting of European Union Foreign Ministers in Brussels yesterday

Bombs or bluster: the world decides

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

TREMORS from the Sarajevo market massacre were being felt across the globe yesterday as political leaders discussed what — if anything — they could do about the Bosnian bloodletting.

Their so-far intractable problem is to keep the civil war at a safe distance while at the same time quelling public outrage at the daily horror.

UNITED NATIONS

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, has asked Nato to give him the power to order punitive strikes against Bosnian Serbs. Although he may get that authority by tomorrow, he is unlikely to use it while Russia and Greece oppose the plan.

The security council has already decided, in resolution 836, to declare Sarajevo and five Muslim enclaves "safe areas" which can be defended by the use of force. But the UN leader needs a new Nato mandate to launch punitive raids.

Dr Boutros Ghali will also seek advice from military leaders on the ground and from Yasushi Akashi, head of the UN civilian mission, before giving the order to launch an offensive. Mr Akashi already has the right to call for air cover to help reopen Tuzla airport and to help Canadian troops leaving Srebrenica to be replaced by a more heavily-armed Dutch contingent.

But in the case of Sarajavo, where UN troops are not seen as under attack, Dr Boutros Ghali must make the decision. However, international focus on the former Yugoslavia may soon switch back to the negotiating table after Serbian leaders yesterday expressed willingness to put the Bosnian capital under UN administration. Mr Akashi said yesterday that President Milosevic of Serbia favoured demilitarising the city. "He is very keen to make progress on the UN administration of Sarajevo," Mr Akashi said.

NATO

Nato was meeting in informal session yesterday, and is expected to meet formally to discuss giving the UN leader the power he seeks tomorrow. But all Nato decisions require unanimous approval by the organisation's 16 member states, and Greece could well bar the way to consensus.

Athens is an old ally of Serbia and feels vulnerable to any spillover in the war which might arise after an attack on Bosnian Serbs. The Alliance agreed to limited forms of air strikes in principle last August to prevent the "strangulation" of Sarajevo and the "safe areas".

EUROPEAN UNION

Greece also balked at the idea of punitive air raids when European Union foreign ministers met in Brussels. After initially reportedly agreeing to a carefully-worded draft statement, Greece backtracked.

The draft said: "The aim should be to bring about the immediate lifting of the siege of Sarajevo using all the means necessary, including the use of air power." However, EU ministers went out of their way to stress the need for a negotiated end to the war and for UN relief aid to continue.

Britain has in the past opposed air strikes on the grounds that it would disrupt humanitarian supplies to the besieged area.

Britain also insisted yesterday that any air strikes must be linked to clear objectives that would help end the conflict. None the less, in London John Major advocated "immediate and effective action", although he and other leaders may feel able to issue stronger statements than in the past if they feel that actual raids are still a long way off because of Greek and Russian opposition.

France, backed by Italy and Belgium, urged giving the besieging Serbs an ultimatum to pull back their heavy guns at least 19 miles from Sarajevo or face Nato air strikes, but their European partners were more cautious and shied away from setting a deadline. Spain and Denmark are particularly keen to rely on the Geneva peace talks to end the protracted conflict.

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The EU foreign ministers were briefed by Lord Owen, the peace negotiator, who earlier announced that the Bosnian Serbs had agreed to negotiate a peace deal for Sarajevo separate from an overall settlement.

The future of the Bosnian capital is now expected to dominate the next round of peace talks in Geneva starting on Thursday. However, these negotiations will be at a lower level than usual, with Presidents Milosevic of Serbia, Tudjman of Croatia and Izetbegovic of the Muslim-led Bosnian government expected to stay away. "Let's deal with one thing at a time and get Sarajevo settled," Lord Owen said in Belgrade before leaving for Brussels.

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Russia was swift to declare its opposition to Nato raids on Bosnian Serb positions yesterday. Andrei Kozyrev, the Foreign Minister, said that bombing them would be the "least successful" response. Any air strikes in densely populated areas would cost many lives and "lead to further escalation of the conflict."

He told the Interfax news agency that Russia would not accept air strikes as "punishment" for any action by the warring parties. Vitaly Churkin, President Yeltsin's special envoy to the former Yugoslavia, said that he did not believe the UN Security Council would permit punitive air raids.

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America, which would contribute much of the air power in any strikes against Serb artillery, is nervous about launching them and is desperate to keep troops out of the Balkans.

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Socialist victories breathe new life into French left

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

TEN months since voters trounced the Socialist government, the hopes of the French left have been fanned into fragile life with two by-election victories and a belief that Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist Prime Minister, may have surrendered once too often when he gave in to angry fishermen.

In the most surprising result, voters in the working-class 19th district of Paris gave the Socialists back their first seat in the capital since they were driven out last March. In the Loire city of Blois, the party's candidate scored a victory in a seat narrowly held last March by Jack Lang, the mayor and former Culture Minister. In a third election, in the Alpine town of Dignes, the centre-right UDF candidate was returned, but with a better-than-expected showing by his Socialist opponent.

Socialist leaders yesterday seized on the results of the Sunday elections, held to replace MPs disqualified for breaching spending limits last year: as a glimmer of dawn. "This is a sign of a party which is gathering strength," Michel Rocard, the Socialist leader, said. Though premature, M Rocard's talk was propelled by a belief or wishful thinking that the Prime Minister's magic could be on the wane. Fuelling the notion is M Balladur's failure to halt the recession and the rise in unemployment and disquiet over his capitulation to the Breton fishermen.

The package of tens of millions of pounds in aid and tax cuts, which M Balladur promised the fishermen, has ended the strikes in all but a handful of ports in Normandy, the Channel and the southern Atlantic coast. However, the Bretons vowed last night to continue their action, demanding more subsidies.

Even pro-government newspapers questioned M Balladur's wisdom in trying to buy the government out of trouble again, but the Prime Minister says appeasement is the only prudent tactic when recession and 12 per cent unemployment have created the conditions for what he calls "social explosion". However, his critics say the approach merely encourages more demands.

Polls show that M Balladur is still soaring in popularity and remains the favourite to succeed President Mitterrand next year. However, the Prime Minister has adversaries breathing down his neck. Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader who now sees his presidential ambitions threatened, made clear at the weekend that he wants to cast M Balladur as a transitional, conciliatory leader who is preparing the ground for radical change in the way France is governed.

The man whom many see as a plausible alternative to a Gaullist President next year is Jacques Delors, President of the European Commission. He spent the weekend in Paris attending a broad rally of the left, convened by M Rocard and attended by Communists and Greens. The aim was to chart a common approach that could win back voters to a discredited movement.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Israelis attack in Lebanon

Jerusalem: Heavy fighting broke out in southern Lebanon yesterday when Israel attacked suspected Hezbollah targets to retaliate for the killing of four Israeli soldiers (Richard Beeston writes).

In one of the worst days of violence in the area for several months, Israeli planes and artillery pounded strongholds of the Shia Muslim guerrilla group after Israeli forces suffered their heaviest casualties in six months.

Killers jailed

Wuppertal: Two German skinheads and a Polish-born bar owner were jailed for between eight and 14 years for kicking Karl Hans Rohn to death because they thought he was Jewish. *(Reuter)*

Reform blow

Miami: In a blow to free-market reformers, Costa Ricans have elected as their next President José María Figueres, an opposition candidate who has promised to slow down the speed of change.

Cash seized

Bucharest: Police have seized large cash sums from the Mondoprosper company in what may be the biggest case of suspected embezzlement and tax-evasion in post-Communist Romania. *(Reuter)*

Link remains

Venice: Venice will remain administratively linked to Mestre on the mainland after a proposal to create a separate city council was rejected by 55.6 per cent to 44.4 in a referendum. *(Reuter)*



The Metropolitan Opera House, where all the audience can soon find out what is going on

Purists wince as Met brings in translators

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

IN A marriage of high technology and high art, New York's Metropolitan Opera House has pioneered a technique to help baffled opera-goers to follow what is being sung on stage: a computer screen embedded in each seat-back that provides a simultaneous translation of the libretto.

Met Title will cost about $1.25 million (£833,000) to instal and each of the 3,800 seats is expected to have the screens by next year. Although reaction has been "overwhelmingly positive", according to early reports, the idea has run into opposition from purists who argue that audience attention should be focused on the stage rather than a knee-level computer screen.

Many opera houses in the United States and Europe have "super-titling", where the translated libretto is projected on to a screen above the proscenium. Such a system is impossible at opera houses such as the Met where the proscenium is so high that members of the audience near the stage would have to lie on their backs to see the words.

The system at the Met can be switched off individually and is designed to be visible only to the person sitting immediately in front of the foot-long screen.

"I dislike titles personally," Joseph Volpe, the Metropolitan Opera's general director, said. The system was adopted only after concluding that "a system could be produced that enhances the experience without distracting those who do not want to use it".

Unofficial polls of opera audiences show that eight out of ten patrons of the Met are in favour of the new system. The remaining two, presumably, adhere to the long-established view that a key requirement of opera is that it should be incomprehensible to much of the audience.

As H.L. Mencken once observed: "Opera in English is, in the main, just about as sensible as baseball in Italian."

ANC backs Zulu king's claim to rule all Natal

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

■ King Goodwill has threatened to secede from South Africa. Such talk may affect the aspirations of white rightwingers who want their own state

KING Goodwill Zwelithini of the Zulus, has made clear that he wants to be king of all the province of Natal. His claim is for the status of constitutional ruler, but he backs it with a threat to secede from South Africa if it is not met.

The issue was discussed at a meeting between the king and President de Klerk a week ago, and government sources are worried because of the effect a threat to secede might have on the aspirations of white rightwingers demanding their own secessionist state.

Now the African National Congress has backed the king's demand. Jacob Zuma who, as deputy Secretary-General, is the most senior Zulu in the ANC and its candidate for the Natal premiership, said the organisation supported the king. "We would like to see the entire area that used to be the kingdom of the Zulus under the jurisdiction of the king," he said, adding that the new kingdom should not cover "just the patches created by apartheid".

When the king first met Mr de Klerk to discuss his constitutional requirements two weeks ago, he sought a double ballot paper, without which the Inkatha Freedom Party, led by his uncle, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, would feel disadvantaged in the election. At the same time he put forward his claim that a "Kingdom of KwaZulu", the present Zulu homeland plus Natal, should feature in the new constitution.



King Goodwill: sought a double ballot paper

The government agreed that the province could be called Natal and the Kingdom of KwaZulu, but last week the king increased the pressure by insisting that the whole province should become known as the Kingdom of KwaZulu. The government believes that, while the name need provide no problem, the constitutional powers of the king should be decided by the provincial legislature.

This legislature which, will come into being after the April 27 general election, will write a new "final" constitution to take the place of the interim one negotiated recently.

King Goodwill is a descendant of the great kings of the Zulus, but not of Shaka, the military genius who turned a tribe of cowherds into the greatest military machine the country has known. Shaka was sterile, and after his assassination was succeeded by his brothers. At its finest, the army he created made vassals of his neighbours and eventually challenged the imperial might of Britain. The Zulus inflicted the worst defeat by native troops on a British force at Isandhlwana in January 1879.

Soon afterwards the Zulus were beaten into submission by the British under Lord Chelmsford, and taken into the Union of South Africa, precursor of the present republic, at its creation in 1910. The Zulu monarchy continued under the union, unlike the British protectorates of Basutoland (now Lesotho) and Swaziland, which continued under colonial rule from London until they became independent kingdoms.

King Goodwill has to a large extent been dependent on a royal purse provided by his powerful uncle, and has not generally separated his ideas or opinions from Chief Buthelezi's own.



A rightwing nationalist in Tokyo yesterday marking Northern Territories Day by demanding the return to Japan of the Russian-held Kurile Islands

Iran holds 20 suspects in assassin enquiry

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER
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IRAN'S revolutionary government announced yesterday it had arrested 20 people involved in last week's failed plot to assassinate President Rafsanjani.

The announcement was seen in Western circles as the fullest admission yet by the Tehran regime of the extent of organised internal dissent. This is being fanned by the most serious economic, financial and social challenges faced since the Shah was toppled in 1979.

Ali Fallahiyan, the Internal Security Minister, named the leader of the would-be assassins as Kourosh Nik Akhtar and said that his accomplices had met the night before the planned attack to discuss details. The attempt coincided with rioting in the Iranian town of Zahedan, near the border with Pakistan. Opposition sources belonging to the umbrella group, the National Council of the Islamic Resistance, have since claimed that violent unrest has spread.

Afrikaner takes Mandela word to heartland

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN HARRISMITH

With the South African election campaign in full swing, the African National Congress is targeting provincial communities to help bolster rural support. In Harrismith, in the Orange Free State, the party has taken the unlikely step of appointing a burly white Afrikaner farmer, Cas Human, to spearhead their campaign.

Given his traditional background and demeanour, Mr Human, 39, a great-great grandson of Paul Kruger, the President of the Transvaal, paints an incongruous picture of an ANC regional executive. In the wood-panelled front-room of his 19th century home, Mr Human recalls a conservative upbringing in Pretoria and the Cape. His passions were rugby and horse riding and his goals to become a farmer and find a wife. To understand why he has joined the "communist" ANC, and supports Nelson Mandela, its president, he says you have to go back to his days as an agriculture student. While at Stellenbosch University he met Anton Lubowski, the assassinated South West African People's Organisation leader, and they became friends. During the 1976 Soweto uprising, his conscience was pricked. He began to see South Africa in a different light.

With the emergence of the United Democratic Front in the 1980s, he became politically active. He founded a branch of the Democratic Party in 1986 and stood as a candidate in 1989. Under his guidance hundreds of blacks joined, and he came under the influence of black politics.

When the ban on the ANC was lifted he contacted the organisation about a joint operation. But the local Democratic Party branch would not accept this, so he joined the ANC.

"I told myself if we are on our way to a new South Africa the Democratic Party is not the place to start," he said. "The ANC was truly democratic, the local and national leadership was of the highest quality and the policies the best. I wanted to be actively involved in shaping the future of the country and this was the best way forward."

Mr Human's task is to highlight the positive aspects of the ANC and its policies to blacks. He has been concentrating on voter education because he estimates that up to 40 per cent still do not know how to vote. His high profile has earned him the nickname Comrade Cas Slovo, after Joe Slovo, the South African Communist Party leader. But it has made him unpopular with the white community. His wife, Pannie, was forced to resign her partnership in a law firm when clients threatened to withdraw their business; he has moved his eldest daughter to a new school after she was harassed; his farming operation has been hit because his stand has cost him the goodwill of local business; and two weeks ago a bomb exploded outside his house.



Human: incurred wrath of white community

Mr Human believes the attack was carried out by white extremists and his family has been placed under police protection. But the episode has stiffened his resolve. "If we do not have these elections and ensure the liberation of the people this country will fall into a terrible state. Sadly, it will take a long time for whites around here to see things differently."

Veteran black ruler has majestic send-off

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN YAMOUSSOUKRO

PRESIDENT Mitterrand of France and General Sani Abacha of Nigeria were among dozens of leaders who packed into a majestic cathedral yesterday for the funeral of President Houphouët-Boigny, who ruled Ivory Coast for 33 years. He died on December 7 at the age of 88.

His bronze casket, draped with the green, white and orange national flag, was carried into the domed Basilica of Our Lady of Peace that Houphouët-Boigny, a member of the Catholic minority, built for an estimated £200 million.

Presidents Rawlings of Ghana, Diouf of Senegal, and Eyadema of Togo were among the 7,000 people inside the basilica, while tens of thousands gathered in the sprawling courtyard. Hazel O'Leary, the American Energy Secretary, represented Washington, a disappointment for some Ivorians who anticipated a higher-level US delegation for the funeral of Africa's longest-serving ruler and a staunch ally of the West during the Cold War.

Houphouët-Boigny turned Ivory Coast into one of Africa's richest and most peaceful nations after winning independence from France in 1960. He was to be buried yesterday at a private family ceremony here. Ivorians fear a future without him. He had named Henri Konan Bedie as his successor, but rivals are challenging him.



WORLD NEWS FLASH!!! FROM ASTRONOMER SOFIA RICHMOND

AN SOS ! TO: POPE JOHN PAUL II & CARDINAL HUME
TO ARHCHBISHOP GEORGE CAREY & ALL BISHOPS & CLERGY
TO THE CHIEF RABBI
TO JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES
TO PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR & TO ALL M.P.s
TO PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON & US AMBASSADOR RAYMOND SEITZ
TO CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL & AMBASSADOR DR PETER HARTMANN
TO PRESIDENT MITTERAND
TO PRESIDENT YELTSIN
TO PRESIDENT LECH WALESA OF POLAND
TO POLISH AMBASSADOR DE VIRION
(SOFIA IS A POLISH ASTRONOMER LIKE COPERNICUS)
TO THE ROYAL GRENWICH OBSERVATORY
TO H.M. THE QUEEN AND PRINCE CHARLES
TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS
TO THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER & THE DUKE OF NORFOLK
TO H.M.KING FAHD OF SAUDI ARABIA
TO H.M. THE SULTAN OF BRUNEI.
KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN
TO ALL VIPS & CELEBRITIES & PAUL GETTY JNR (CLIFF RICHARD)
TO B.B.C. TV NEWS & ITN NEWS BBC RADIO 4 'SUNDAY' PROGRAMME
TO CHANNEL 4 NEWS CARLTON TV NEWS CBS ABC CNN
TO ALL NATIONAL PAPERS :TIMES TELEGRAPH MAIL EXPRESS
TO ALL EUROPEAN & AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS: USA TODAY
TO BRITISH AIRWAYS & VIRGIN AIRLINES (RICHARD BRANSON)
TO ALL AIRLINE COMPANIES: AMERICAN AIRWAYS

HALLEY'S COMET IS ABOUT TO COLLIDE WITH THE PLANET JUPITER BY MID-JULY 1994 CAUSING THE BIGGEST COSMIC EXPLOSION IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND!!!

SOFIA PRINTED THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IN NEWSPAPERS ON 19 JULY 1993, SCIENTISTS ARE NOW CONFIRMING HER STORY IN JANUARY 1994. BBC TV HORIZON PROGRAMME INTERVIEWED HER IN THE HILTON HOTEL, PARK LANE, LONDON, ON 25 OCTOBER 93. DURING THE INTERVIEW SHE TOLD BBC TV THAT IT WOULD BE WISE IF THE PUBLIC WERE INFORMED OF THE FOLLOWING LIST OF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. BECAUSE THE COMET/JUPITER COLLISION WILL CAUSE AN IMMENSE FLASH IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM.
1. ADULTS AND CHILDREN SHOULD WEAR DARK GLASSES FOR SAFETY BETWEEN 15-20 JULY (BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY).
2. IT WOULD BE WISER TO CLOSE DOWN NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS BY 1 JULY FOR SAFTY IN CASE JUPITER BLAST AFFECTS STAFF AT THE CONTROLS
3. ALL AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE GROUNDED IN CASE THE JUPITER BLAST AFFECTS PLANES IN FLIGHT. HM THE QUEEN SHOULD AVOID ALL FLIGHTS BETWEEN 15-25 JULY 1994 .
4. EMERGENCY SERVICES SHOULD BE ON STAND-BY JUST IN CASE SOME PEOPLE FAINT FROM SHOCK.
5. IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO STAY IN COLD CELLARS OR BASEMENTS TO AVOID ANY HEATWAVE.
6. KEEP CURTAINS DRAWN AND TURN ON AIR CONDITIONING, BUY FOOD FOR 5 DAYS AND KEEP PETS INDOORS.
7. FARMERS SHOULD PROTECT LIVESTOCK BY KEEPING ANIMALS IN COOL SHEDS AND BARNS.
8. DONT DRIVE CARS, LORRIES, BUSES OR TRAINS IN CASE COMET/JUPITER BLAST AFFECTS TRAFFIC.

PUBLIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR JULY 94

IT IS BETTER TO MAKE A MISTAKE ON THE SIDE OF MAXIMUM CAUTION WHEN FACING THE BIG UNKNOWN. AFTER THE COMET HITS JUPITER THE PLANET COULD LOOK LIKE A SECOND SUN IN THE HEAVENS.
(SOFIA RICHMOND HELPED TO PUT OUT THE BUSH FIRE AROUND SYDNEY AFTER AUSTRALIAN CHANNEL 7 NEWS CAME ON THE 14TH JANUARY '94 AND FILMED HER METHOD OF BRINGING DOWN HEAVY RAINS IN 48 HOURS. THE RAINS POURED DOWN NEXT DAY.
3 YEARS AGO IN JUNE 1991 SISTER MARIE SENT A PROPHETIC REGISTERED LETTER TO THE QUEEN INFORMING HER OF THE IMPENDING COSMIC EXPLOSION. PALACE SENT A REPLY.
SEVEN YEARS AGO SOFIA RICHMOND (RELIGIOUS NAME SISTER MARIE GABRIEL) PRINTED HER COSMIC FORECASTS ON THE 4 JULY 1936. IN ALL THE NORTHWEST LONDON PRESS REGARDING THIS HUGE COSMIC EVENT INVOLVING THE EXPLOSION OF A COMET. SHE FIRST PRINTED THIS MESSAGE 7 YEARS AHEAD OF ALL ASTRONOMERS AND WELL IN ADVANCE OF ALL THE MOST POWERFUL TELESCOPES. NOW THIS YEAR HER 1986 PREDICTIONS ARE COMING TRUE AND NEWSPAPERS ARE COPYING THE HEAD LINES SHE PRINTED IN THE GUARDIAN ABOUT THE COMET/JUPITER COLLISION. DURING HER BBC INTERVIEW IN THE HILTON HOTEL SOFIA, (SISTER MARIE GABRIEL) SAID THAT THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE COMET IS HALLEY'S COMET WHICH SHOEMAKER AND LEVY SAW IN MARCH 1993. THE AMERICAN ASTRONOMERS SIGHTED THE BROKEN FRAGMENTS OF HALLEY'S COMET AND RENAMED IT AFTER THEMSELVES. IN 1987 SOFIA PRINTED AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN TIME OUT MAGAZINE STATING THAT HALLEY'S COMET WOULD ERUPT AND BECOME DISLODGED COMPLETELY FROM ITS ORBIT. SHE WENT AND INFORMED THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY OF THIS FACT IN 1990. HER FORECAST CAME TRUE IN 1991. HALLEY'S COMET ERUPTED IN FEB 1991 JUST AS SHE HAD PREDICTED AT THE RUSSIAN EXBASSY IN 1990. THE COMET WAS TOTALLY THROWN OFF ITS ORBIT. SOFIA THEN PRINTED THIS FACT IN THE CITY LIMITS MAGAZINE AND INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER IN 1992 AND IN OTHER MAGAZINES EVEN EARLIER IN 1991. INFORMING THE PUBLIC THAT HALLEY'S COMET HAD STARTED RETURNING EARLY DECADES AHEAD OF TIME. NOW, THE BROKEN PIECES OF HALLEY'S COMET ARE HEADING FOR A COLLISION WITH JUPITER CAUSING THE BIGGEST EXPLOSION IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO ACT AS,

A WARNING ULTIMATUM FROM GOD TO ALL GOVERNMENTS;

REDUCE THE CRIME EPIDEMIC, DESTROY ALL PORNOGRAPHY; STOP ALL WARS OR FACE GLOBAL EXTINCTION./ ALMIGHTY GOD THE CREATOR OF THIS UNIVERSE HAS ORDAINED THIS FORTHCOMING COSMIC EVENT TO WARN ALL NATIONS OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEM IF HIS MESSAGES ARE IGNORED. ALL GOVERNMENTS ; BRITAIN EUROPE USA ETC MUST OBEY GOD'S ULTIMATUM AT TOP SPEED OR FACE EXTINCTION BY FIREBALL FROM JUPITER. (PEOPLE MUST STOP GETTING DRUNK STOP SWEARING, & BAD TEMPER. STOP VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR GIVE UP DRUGS AND PORN. STOP ALL DISHONESTY STEALING AND FRAUD OR FACE GLOBAL AND COSMIC PENALTIES .)
1. REDUCE CRIME AS IN SAUDI ARABIA BY CORPORAL AND CAPITAL PUNISHMENT(IF NOT GOD WILL EXECUTE ALL NATIONS;READ ISAIAH CH.24.) DESTROY ALL VIOLENT FILMS, COMICS AND ALL SADISTIC VIDEO GAMES WITHIN 48 HOURS.
2. DESTROY ALL PORNOGRAPHY OVERNIGHT BY LAW. ALL INDECENT MAGAZINES IN ALL NEWSAGENTS TO BE ABOLISHED IN 48 HOURS OR ELSE A FIREBALL WILL ERUPT FROM JUPITER AND HEAD FOR EARTH.
3. BAN ALL INDECENCY OBSCENITY IMMODESTY IN PUBLIC OR IN FILMS VIDEOS OR TELEVISION PLUS IN ADVERTS.(BAN ALL INDECENT POP SONGS & SHOWS IMMEDIATELY)
4. ABOLISH ALL CRIME OBSCENITY AND VIOLENCE ON TELEVISION; FILMS; VIDEOS IN 48 HRS. DESTROY ALL VIDEO MASTERS IMMEDIATLY OR FACE JUPITER FIREBALL IN THE FUTURE (READ ISAIAH 24 AND BOOK OF JOEL 2).
5. REPLACE BEERS AND WINES WITH NON ALCOHOLIC DRINKS TO REDUCE CRIME. (USA DISASTERS ARE PENALTY FOR PORNOGRAPHY CRIME AND VIOLENCE). STOP PROMISCUITY AND ACTS WHICH CAUSE AIDS.
6 FOOD MOUNTAINS MUST GO TO THE STARVING NATIONS. STOP THE MURDER OF OLD PEOPLE IN HOSPITALS BY EUTHANASIA AND BAN ALL LATE ABORTIONS.
7. STOP ALL WARS FIGHTING AND TERRORISM IN 48 HRS (BOSNIA, SOMALIA, MIDDLE EAST ETC). ALL WARS ARE USELESS IN THE FACE OF DANGEROUS COSMIC EVENTS.
8. TEACH ALL SCHOOLCHILDREN ETHICAL RELIGIOUS MORAL EDUCATION DAILY (ALL CHRISTIAN CHILDREN MUST LEARN THE LIFE AND MORAL TEACHING OF JESUS CHRIST BY HEART).
9. STOP ALL CRUELTY TO BIRDS AND ANIMALS. ABOLISH CRUEL BLOOD SPORTS. STOP IVORY TRADE AND WHALING. DONT NEGLECT DOMESTIC PETS.THE SURVIVING ANIMALS OF THE SYDNEY BUSH FIRES IN AUSTRALIA SHOULD BE HELPED BY THE ARMY. SOLDIERS SHOULD SCOUR 2,000,000 SQUARE MILES OF BUSH TO PUT SCORCHED ANIMALS OUT OF THEIR MISERY OR HELP THOSE THAT CAN BE SAVED. BAN ALL CRUEL SADISTIC BULLFIGHTING. CATHOLICS WHO ATTEND ARE TO BE EXCOMMUNICATED.
GOD COMMANDS ALL SERIOUS CRIMES TO BE PUNISHED BY DRACONIAN DETERRENTS. IT IS FORBIDDEN TO RELEASE CHILD MOLESTERS TO REPEAT THEIR CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN. ALL PEOPLE MUST PRAY AS FROM NOW, BEG GOD FOR MERCY. BECOME HOLY PURE INNOCENT ANGELIC SAINTS OVERNIGHT. BEG GOD TO SPARE MANKIND FROM THE GIGANTIC FIREBALL THAT WILL ERUPT FROM THE HYDROGEN GAS OF JUPITER TO WIPE OUT NATIONS WHO IGNORE GOD'S ULTIMATUM ABOUT DRASTICALLY REDUCING THE CRIME EPIDEMIC, GOVERNMENTS CAN READ THE DETAILS OF GODS FINAL ULTIMATUM TO ALL NATIONS IN SOFIA'S BOOK WRITTEN USING HER RELIGIOUS NAME OF SISTER MARIE GABRIEL. IN HER BOOK OF COSMIC WARNINGS SHE FORECASTS THE EARLY RETURN OF HALLEY'S COMET. BY ABOUT 8TH JULY IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HALLEY'S COMET WILL BECOME SO BRILLIANT THAT PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PHOTOS OF IT. THERE WILL BE A NEW LEADER IN BRITAIN WHEN HALLEY'S COMET APPEARS IN JULY 1994. (THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY WILL CONFIRM THIS IS HALLEY'S COMET BY JUNE 1994)

S.O.S. TO THE POPE !!! GOSPELS WARN THERE WILL BE GREAT SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS

DEAR JOHN PAUL II, GET ON A PLANE TODAY AT TOP SPEED AND COME TO LONDON BY 22nd JUNE!! SORRY! COME TO LONDON WITHIN HOURS FOR AN EMERGENCY CONFERENCE AT WESTMINSTER ABOUT GOD'S FINAL ULTIMATUM TO BRITAIN, EUROPE AND AMERICA. IT IS GOD'S COMMAND THAT THE POPE MUST COME TO LONDON TO SPEAK TO SOFIA (SISTER MARIE GABRIEL) ABOUT HER MOST SERIOUS COSMIC MESSAGES.
HOW TO ITALIAN PRIEST PLEASE COPY THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IN ROME NEWSPAPERS TO ALERT THE POPE TODAY. SISTER MARIE IS A RELIGIOUS MYSTIC AND A THEOLOGIAN LIKE ST. THERESA OF AVILA.
SOFIA RICHMOND (PAPROCKI) APPEALED TO GERMANY TO PAY HER REPARATION AND COMPENSATION FOR SHE IS A SURVIVOR OF NAZI WAR CRIMES 1941 /1945. GERMANY DESTROYED ALL THE PAPROCKI ESTATES IN POLAND 1944 . SHE NEEDS COMPENSATION OR RESTITUTION MONEY TO FUND HER MISSION HER PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPAIGN ALL OVER THE WORLD AT TOP SPEED.THE BARRISTER WHO HAS BEEN REPRESENTING HER FREE OF CHARGE IS ANTHONY SCRIVENER Q.C. WHILE WAITING FOR HER COMPENSATION MONEY SHE APPEALS ALSO TO GENEROUS BENEFACTORS SUCH AS PAUL GETTY JUNIOR AND THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER TO HELP HER TO PAY FOR THE PRINTING OF HER WARNINGS IN NEWSPAPERS ALL OVER THE WORLD; THROUGHOUT BRITAIN EUROPE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CANADA AUSTRALIA ETC ETC. MANKIND HAS JUST A FEW MONTHS LEFT TO PREPARE FOR THE MOST DANGEROUS COSMIC EVENT IN HISTORY. BECAUSE THE COMET.JUPITER CAN CAUSE A GIGANTIC FIREBALL TO ERUPT AND HEAD TOWARDS THE EARTH. SCIENTISTS CAN ONLY GIVE THE BARE FACTS ABOUT COSMIC EVENTS BUT SISTER MARIE HAS THE AUTHORITY FROM GOD TO EXPLAIN THE RELIGIOUS REASONS BEHIND THE HISTORIC COSMIC EVENTS DUE IN JULY 1994. ALMIGHTY GOD ORDAINED THESE COSMIC EVENTS AS A FINAL WARNING ULTIMATUM TO ALL GOVERNMENTS. REDUCE CRIME FAST OR FACE EXTINCTION SOON. IN 1993 SHE DELIVERED A DOCUMENT TO ALL THE MAJOR EMBASSIES WARNING THEM OF THE COSMIC EXPLOSION AND RESULTING FIREBALL. FOR 10 YEARS HER WARNINGS WERE NOT HEEDED. SO SHE WROTE A BOOK OF COSMIC FORECASTS AND PUBLISHED THE 1ST EDITION BY HAND ON 11 FEB 1993 NEARLY A YEAR AGO. IN THIS BOOK SHE EXPLAINS THE REASONS FOR THE COSMIC EXPLOSION BETWEEN THE COMET AND JUPITER AND SHE ILLUSTRATES THE BLAST AND COSMIC EXPLOSION WITH PICTURES (TITLE OF BOOK:"SUPERNATURAL VISIONS" BY SOFIA MARIE GABRIEL RICHMOND).
SHE WROTE HER PROPHETIC BOOK OVER A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS. THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH REVIEWED HER BOOK ON 14TH FEBRUARY 1993, ADAM NICOLSON SAID IT COULD BE BOUND FOR THE BEST SELLER LISTS. THEN SHE GAVE HER BOOK TO A PRINTER ON 11TH OF MARCH 1993. THE PRINTED VERSION SHOWS THE COMET HEADING FOR AN EXPLOSION AND THE BOOK ILLUSTRATES THE COSMIC EVENTS DUE IN JULY 1994. IN MANY PICTURES ALL IN COLOUR. THE BOOK SHOWS A PICTURE OF JUPITER AND SINGLES OUT THE PLANET LONG BEFORE ASTRONOMERS KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE COMET /JUPITER COLLISION. COPIES OF HER BOOK ARE IN CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY AND OXFORD UNIVERSITY LIBRARY. THE PRINTER HOWEVER TURNED OUT TO BE DISHONEST. HE SOLD ALL HER BOOKS TO SHOPS ALL OVER U.K. AND ABROAD AND KEPT ALL THE MONEY FROM HER COPYRIGHT WORK. SISTER MARIE HAS NOT RECEIVED ONE PENNY FROM HER OWN BOOK WHILE PRINTER AND BOOKSHOPS HAVE MADE OVER QUARTER OF A MILLION POUNDS APPROXIMATELY. HER COURT HEARING ABOUT HER PROPHETIC BOOK IS ON THE 11TH FEBRUARY 1994 AT 10A.M. AT ST. MARTINS LANE COUNTY COURT WC2. (REPORTERS WELCOME).
THE SECOND EDITION OF HER BOOK WAS PRINTED ON 11 MARCH 93 SHOWING PICTURES OF THE COSMIC COLLISION IN JULY 94. HER PROPHETIC BOOK ABOUT THIS FUTURE COSMIC EVENT PROVES HER MESSAGES ARE TRUE. THERE WILL BE A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AGAINST THE PRINTER IN THE FUTURE FOR STEALING ALL THE MONEY FROM HER BOOK. PROPHETIC PAGES IN THE BOOK ARE 382, 383, 144, 206, 63, 237, 282, 249, 277, 530, 641, 623, 624, 602, 593, 729, 761, 762, 726 AND 378.
GERMAN TELEVISION INTERVIEWED SOFIA (SISTER MARIE) ABOUT THE COMET EXPLOSION IN MARCH/APRIL 1993. THEN SKY TELEVISION NEWS INTERVIEWED HER ON TV IN JULY1993 ABOUT THE JUPITER EXPLOSION. BBC TV HORIZON INTERVIEWED HER ON 25 OCTOBER 1993 AND AUSTRALIAN CH 7 NEWS FILMED AN INTERVIEW WITH HER THIS MONTH IN JANUARY1994. DURING ALL THESE TELEVISION INTERVIEWS SHE HAS EXPLAINED WHAT PEOPLE MUST DO TO AVOID THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF THE HALLEY COMET AND JUPITER EXPLOSION. AFTER WORK PEOPLE SHOULD PRAY, PRAY BEG GOD TO EVEN STOP THE COMET HITTING JUPITER OR AT LEAST TO PREVENT THE FIREBALL ERUPTING AND HEADING FOR EARTH. SHE APPEALS TO GENEROUS BENEFACTORS TO HELP HER TO PAY FOR THE PRINTING OF HER URGENT SAFETY CAMPAIGN ALL OVER THE WORLD. THE POPE MUST SIT ON A PLANE TODAY FOR LONDON AT TOP SPEED. THE WORLD HAS ONLY JUST A FEW MONTHS LEFT TO PREPARE FOR THE MOST DANGEROUS COSMIC EVENT IN HISTORY. A PUBLISHER IS URGENTLY NEEDED TO REPRINT HER PROPHETIC BOOK BY EASTER 1994.

BY 1ST JULY ASTRONOMERS WILL CONFIRM THAT SOFIA (SISTER MARIE) WAS 100 PERCENT CORRECT IN IDENTIFYING THE COMET THAT IS HEADING FOR JUPITER AS HALLEY'S COMET

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Russian girls get between the covers

Cosmopolitan is planning to launch a Russian edition in Moscow this spring. **Anne McElvoy** investigates

Moscow's *Cosmo*-girl is worried. She wants to re-kindle sexual passion in her wilting relationship, learn how to deal with bouts of jealousy and find out where she can buy this season's must-have jacket on a secretary's wages — concerns she shares with her magazine-reading sisters the world over.

But it's not so easy to be an independent, modern woman when you still live with your parents in a two-room flat, your friends start wondering what's wrong with you because you're not married at 30 and there is no translation for "sexual harassment".

Cosmopolitan, the world's largest-selling women's magazine, launches its Russian edition this spring, a keenly awaited arrival in a market where the nearest rivals entice with Soviet-era titles such as *Rabotnitza* (Female Worker) and *Chrestianka* (Peasant Woman).

Now Hearst Magazines International, which publishes *Cosmo* worldwide, and the Dutch company Independent Media, owner of the English-language newspaper *Moscow Times*, have decided that Russia is ready for the mix of sex, fashion and feminism.

Jointly edited by Yelena Myasnikova and Dutch journalist Ellen Verbeek, Russia's *Cosmo* is aimed at young women who hanker for that most innocent of capitalist experiences: fun. "There is a new generation of women in Russia who do not expect their lives to be one long grind of work and family," says Ms Myasnikova, a philosophy student who has carved out a career on English-language magazines in Moscow.

"We won't be preaching heavy-duty feminism in the gloomy style of Russian intellectuals. Our target reader likes men but she is prepared to stand up to them, too. Our aim is to help her feel less alone," she says.

This *Cosmo-devushka*, she says, probably works as a secretary or translator in a Western firm or in a small Russian business. She is unlikely to be the wife of a millionaire, — if she was, she would be buying the snobbish *Imperial* which tells the *nuvorischi* where to secure marble for the pillars in their dining room — but she is aspirational in her own right and likes a hint of modest glamour in her life.

The two editors and a small staff are working from a tenement building in a central Moscow side-street and are having to cope with the technical nightmares of starting a new project in Russia — such as finding clothes to put on the fashion page. "There is no point going to the expensive boutiques and designers such as Escada, who cater to the super-rich, because most of our readers are not rich," says Ms Verbeek.

She scoured department stores and kiosks to put together a spread featuring office-wear. "Getting the shop managers to lend us clothes for the shoot was a problem because that sort of thing doesn't happen here. They were very grudging about it and surprised when we told them that, in the West, shops are delighted when their clothes are featured in a magazine."



Russia's *Cosmo* has articles such as 'Thirty and Still Not Married' and how to get along with your mother-in-law

The magazine's mix of contents owes much to the American model, but most of the articles will be written by Russians taking into account Russian concerns. The first edition, which goes on sale at the end of April, will tackle the subject "Thirty and Still Not Married", hardly something the average Western reader would worry about but a matter of concern to bright young Russian women who despair of finding a suitable man and are treated with pity if they remain single.

Future topics include how to cope with the strains of being married to a foreigner, and how to get along with your mother-in-law, a pressing matter for Russian wives, who are often forced by the shortage of housing space to begin their married life living with his parents.

"Like the British or American *Cosmo*, we want the Russian one to be the reader's older sister, someone you can turn to for advice and encouragement or to cheer you up," says Ms Verbeek. "But, of course, the differences are substantial. In the West we might be writing about women's right to abortion whereas in Russia, where abortion is a form of contraception, it makes more sense to write about how to get hold of other methods of birth control."

Articles on how to improve your love-life and a problem page are likely to be a big draw in a country where the quality press ignores the "intimate sphere" as unsuitable for public discourse, leaving matters sexual to the untender mercies of sleazy pornographic magazines. But the Russian *Cosmo* is still likely to treat its readers sensibilities with kid-gloves compared to its English language models. "There are some words and subjects that we are still a little shy about, and we wouldn't want to make our readers uncomfortable," says Ms Myasnikova.

With an initial small print run of 65,000, circulation is being concentrated on Moscow, St Petersburg and a handful of other cities to establish the brand-name before expanding distribution by subscription. At a cover price equivalent to $2.50, *Cosmo* is being presented as a luxury, but an affordable one, in a world short on treats. "I don't care if it is the only treat I will have in the month," says one potential customer. "If it is about normal life, not politics, and small worries rather than big ones, we'll be queueing up for it."

Demise of the tearaway Tory

The Young Conservatives used to burn Maastricht treaties. Now they are into stamp collecting

The Young Conservatives have a reputation for being keen, mean and dangerous to know. They have ripped up Maastricht treaties, burnt European Community flags and worn Hang Nelson Mandela badges.

Even many Conservative voters assume the youth wing are rowdy, off-the-wall right-wing libertarians. At the Conservative Conference in Blackpool last year their chairman Andrew Rosindell, a self-confessed Essex man with a bull terrier called Spike, demanded the return of the birch and the death penalty.

Tory headquarters are so terrified of their nursery that at the annual Young Conservative conference last weekend in Southport, Merseyside, they told them to scrap the debate on Europe. Journalists were barred from many events due to the unpredictability of the YCs and John Major yet again declined an invitation to speak. When Channel 4's youth programme *The Word* said it was coming up to video their antics, Tory officials went white imagining scenes of Hooray Henry's throwing up in corners. Sir Norman Fowler, chairman of the Tories, rang in person to try and call off the disco. At 10.45pm, shortly before *The Word* went on air, the fire alarm went off prompted by neither smoke nor flame.


ALICE THOMSON

Their own generation either think that the YCs are a slightly warped social phenomenon who wear bow ties, or extreme right-wingers, politically intense and socially awkward. They wouldn't be seen dead with their fishnets and tartan micro-minis at a YC disco.

But are these accusations fair? Few people have recently attended a YC conference and if last weekend is anything to go by they have been badly judged.

The YCs seemed doomed forever to be out of step with their political elders. Just as Conservative MPs seem to be heading for scandal after scandal, the young have become a very tame affair. YCs would not know where to start on a sex-and-shopping blockbuster and they certainly wouldn't besmirch their party with an affair. Only one girl got a little carried away on the dance floor, otherwise the fun was entirely innocent and the drinking restrained.

Most YCs still live with their parents. They were all wearing clean-cut single-breasted suits or navy blue skirts and had neatly parted hair. YCs can remain members until they are 35 and one gets the feeling that many have joined because they are too old to remain Scouts. They tend to like stamp collecting, growing watercress, numismatics and computers.

Their Eighties left/right tussle has been maturely resolved with most YCs firmly right-wing although agreeing to differ on the niceties. Their heroes are Michael Portillo and Neil Hamilton.

Andrew Griffith, from Sidcup, said: "We have lost a lot of the loud, Sloany people. Those who join now often don't want to be MPs. It is a way of improving their social life. Lots of us live in the suburbs and work in the cities and this is the only way we can make friends. Everyone used to enjoy making fun out of the YCs because like a motorbike race they enjoyed the spectacular crashes, but we are quieter now."

Richard Stephenson, 17, is about to become chairman of Mr Major's constituency in Huntingdon: "I am pretty wet. Major is the man who made me go into politics when he presented the prizes at my school's swimming gala. If people had hands-on experience of him, they would like him. The YCs beat a night in a pub."

Claire Stowe, 21, Eastern area chairman, said: "The YCs here are too old, they mostly joined for the social side but they make our discos boring. They get stale and it is not an image we want to sell. We want to get the young to join."

Conservative Central Office should beware. YC membership has dwindled from 250,000 in the Fifties to 10,000 at the beginning of the Nineties and about 7,000 this year. Instead of trying to hush them up, CCO should be doing everything it can to encourage young people to join. After all it needs all the help it can.

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The headmistress behind the success of Britain's top independent girls' school

What makes Roedean run?

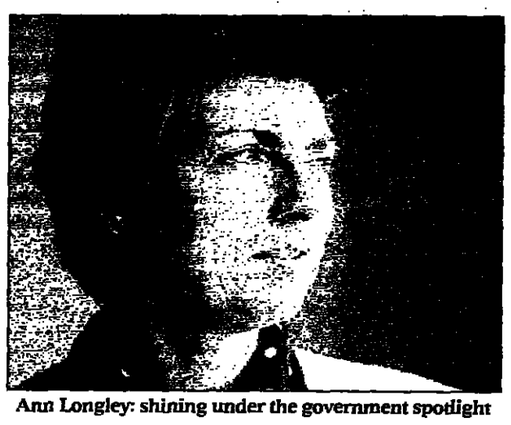
Just as a captain steers a ship or an editor puts his stamp on a newspaper, a headmistress colours the character of her school. So last week, after a paean of praise from Her Majesty's inspectors, the spotlight fell on Ann Longley, headmistress of Roedean. The country's most famous girls' school had acted as a guinea pig for the Government's scheme to monitor independent education. Three months later, it received a glowing testimonial.

The three inspectors who compiled the report found no area of serious concern. "Roedean", they wrote, "is an excellent school with a deservedly high reputation . . . It is responding effectively to changing demands, while retaining essential features of its traditions . . . " The inspectors concluded: "The school is led with vision and enterprise."

The woman leading with such skill is 52 and dressed in a canary yellow jacket, navy skirt of conservative length and flat black pumps when we met last week in her wood-lined study near the school's imposing front door. Her pepper-and-salt-coloured hair is cut short and large spectacles dominate her features.

She immediately apologised for keeping me waiting even though she hadn't and, with a friendly smile, insisted I have more tea and biscuits. Everything around her suggested a woman whose time was limited — from the phone calls reminding her of waiting parents to the constant reminder of school bells. Her answers were quick, to-the-point and quotable. It was rather like talking to a politician running a great department of state.

What is the secret of her success? She is quick to play down her contribution, emphasising the school's history and tradition of excellence.


Ann Longley: shining under the government spotlight

A century ago, three sisters, Penelope, Millicent and Dorothy, opened a progressive school for young ladies near Brighton. "The aim of the School will be to give a thorough education: physical, intellectual and moral," said the Lawrence sisters' prospectus.

Mrs Longley still tries to give a rounded rather than a narrowly academic education. She is in tune with the philosophy of the founders but has, she says, re-articulated the aims of the 1880s for the 1990s.

Gone are the cold baths, the tapioca and the blue-serge "djibbas" — the school frocks prescribed by the Lawrences. Gone are the matronly mistresses in gowns, uniform for the sixth form, and gone are the prunes and junket. Girls study technology and take step-aerobics classes. They are allowed out at weekends. They have boy friends. They can eat vegetarian at lunch.

Mrs Longley's aim is to prepare confident girls who can deal with any challenge. Her own life as a mother (of three children), as a wife (of a headmaster of a boarding school in America), and as a widow (her husband died suddenly of a brain tumour) and single mother have furnished her with experience of some of the hurdles that may lie ahead for her girls.

For all her modesty, much of the school's character stems from her own. She sets herself projects, and achieves them, says Sue Meek, head of performing arts. The school has her to thank for launching an appeal for a new theatre. She is media-friendly and issues press-packs. It is she who appoints the staff, mentioned in the report as being part of the school's success.

Her management style is linear, not hierarchical. Two years ago, she set up a "management structure" of five senior teachers, with which she runs the school.

Yet, say the girls, she is accessible and friendly. Tara Gibson, 17, who is going up to Oxford to read law, says: "She is viewed very well in the school. She knows all the girls' names, she knows the parents, she knows their situations. She is not at all a distant figure."

Mrs Meek also experienced widowhood and Mrs Longley was supportive, finding her a job at the school.

Born in Cornwall, Mrs Longley was a Russian student at Edinburgh University before she began a teaching career in America. It is still Cornwall which provides respite from the trials and responsibilities of running a school of 460 teenage girls. The intensity of the job is such that long holidays are an essential re-energiser between terms, she says. She adores her job.

The bell has rung, my cab is ordered. As I leave, I hear Mrs Longley greeting some parents with the same professional charm she had exerted on me. Is there no chink in Roedean's armour?

I ask my taxi driver what he thinks of the school. "I could tell you a thing or two about those girls," he says. "Proper little madams. You should hear their language."

Even the long arm of Mrs Longley cannot, it seems, extend to the inside of a cab when it ferries girls out for a night on the town.

RACHEL KELLY

Injury may send England's fast bowler home from Barbados . . and an update on a pain in the side

Bowled over by a sudden break



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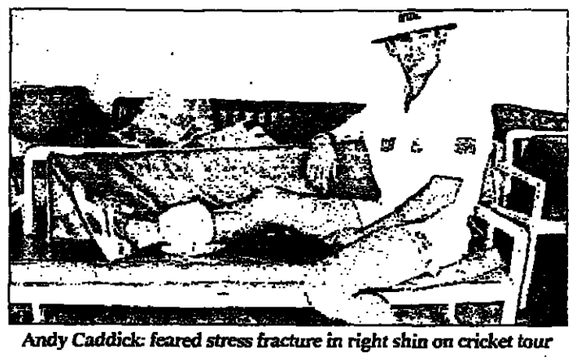
Dr Thomas Stuttaford

WHAT have Andy Caddick, the England fast bowler, an army recruit, a greyhound racing round the track, and granny walking along a cobbled street got in common? Answer: they may all sustain a stress fracture.

Stress fractures, bones breaking without any specific injury, may occur when the bone is unusually brittle, or is badly aligned to withstand stress or bears too heavy a load. The elderly woman with osteoporotic bones who fractures her femur, or a bone in her foot, while walking on rough ground is an example of the first category. Stress fractures may also happen to fit people if the skeleton is badly aligned.

Hugh Phillips, consultant orthopaedic surgeon at the Norfolk and Norwich hospital, recently described about 20 cases in which a deformed knee joint had placed unacceptable stresses and strains on the tibia, the heavier of the two lower leg bones, which had in consequence caused a stress fracture. The patient's future wellbeing was as dependent on correction of the knee joint as repair of the fracture.

Stress fractures, like Mr Caddick's, which are the result of normal bones having to bear an unacceptable strain, are more topical. The stress can be of a sudden snapping nature, as for instance in the fibula, the smaller bone in the lower leg, which breaks while playing squash, or the greyhound's leg which goes on a corner, or from heavy repetitive injury.



Andy Caddick: feared stress fracture in right shin on cricket tour

A fast bowler's legs, like the bones in a recruit's feet, receive constant hard pounding. One fast delivery or one route march too many and the bone may fracture. The fracture may be hairline and only later become apparent. Some of the most common bones to sustain a fracture are in the lower back. Pain from these fractures could radiate to the lower leg.

New appendix



HUMANS, a few apes and the wombat, a nocturnal burrowing Australian marsupial, are the only mammals to have an appendix; the small cul-de-sac leading off the caecum, the first part of the large bowel. One in 100,000 people has no appendix.

Appendicitis, acute inflammation of the appendix, was the cause of death of at least one of ancient Egypt's mummified royal princesses. Appendicitis now attracts little scientific interest, although 80,000 patients are still admitted each year to British hospitals for an appendicectomy, which carries a death rate of 0.5 per cent, a big improvement on the 10 per cent death rate of the pre-antibiotics era.

Appendicitis was first described by Reginald Fitz, 160 years ago, an advance which enabled doctors to make a diagnosis in time for life-saving surgery. King Edward VII had an operation for appendicitis just before his planned coronation which ensured that few were unaware of the condition.

Recently a group of Swedish doctors have reviewed cases of appendicitis which occurred in their area between 1970 and 1989 and have published their findings in the British Medical Journal.

Twenty years ago statistics showed that appendicitis was 20 per cent more common in professional and managerial workers and their children than in unskilled labourers. Despite the modern diet the Swedish study shows that the number of cases of appendicitis is tending to fall.

The study also found that the peak age for appendicitis was ten to 14, whereas traditional teaching has always been that the incidence is at its greatest from 10 to 30.

At either extremes of age diagnosis becomes more difficult. In one large British postwar survey it was found that 50 per cent of children with appendicitis were initially misdiagnosed and that 80 per cent of these had perforated before surgery.

Characteristically appendicitis starts with central abdominal pain in the lower right abdomen. The pain is made worse by coughing, sneezing, movement or by pressure. There is loss of appetite, nausea, usually vomiting, and in most cases constipation.

The Swedish study stressed the usual dilemma. Operate early and some patients, 30 per cent in their study, will be found to have had normal appendixes. Operate too late and some will suffer a perforated appendix.

Gift of hope after death

Aileen Ballantyne on a scheme that would greatly increase the number of organs available for transplants



JULIAN HERBERT

Elizabeth Ward had high hopes of the donor card scheme she helped launch in 1971: "I genuinely believed in my naivety that everyone would carry one"

The chances of your life being saved by a heart, lung, kidney or liver transplant have never been higher. The success rate for all these procedures is now about 80 per cent. But as the technology and immunosuppressant drugs have improved, so the supply of potential donors has decreased. The good news is that road safety and drink driving campaigns have reduced the toll of people dying in car accidents, while the bad news is that most of us are reluctant to carry a donor card.

There are 5,410 people awaiting a transplant in Britain, the vast majority (4,691) of them kidney patients longing to get off the painful and debilitating treadmill of dialysis. Only about one in two of kidney patients on the waiting list will receive a transplant.

There are 604 people waiting either for a heart, heart and lung or lung transplant. But one in four of those urgently in need of a heart transplant suffer the same fate as the Labour MP James Boyce — who died two weeks ago while on the waiting list. If you are in your early sixties, or over you are unlikely even to get on the waiting list, such is the shortage of donor organs.

Elizabeth Ward was the moving spirit behind the donor card scheme that began in Britain in February 1971. But now she feels a new approach is needed. Doctors, she believes, should be entitled to remove organs from suitable donors after brain stem death unless they have specifically "opted out" in advance, or unless their relatives object.

Mrs Ward, who is also founder president of the British Kidney Patient Association, knows only too well what it is like to watch someone suffering from kidney failure go through years of dialysis. Her son, Timbo, who was 13 when his kidneys failed, had three transplants. He died in 1987, aged 34. "By the time he died his body was bashed to pieces from dialysis," she says.

In one of the three transplants, he was given a kidney he should never have had because the match was poor — but it was the only option available, she says. "The worst thing was watching the pain Timbo was going through and thinking, all the while, that the organ that would have been most suitable for him had been burnt in a crematorium or buried in a graveyard."

When Mrs Ward succeeded in getting an organ donor card system under way more than two decades ago, she had high hopes for its success. "I genuinely believed in my naivety that once it was understood that over a thousand people, mostly young, would be destined to spend the remainder of their lives on dialysis unless a donor kidney was made available to them, everyone would carry one. How wrong I was."

In fact, only 18 per cent of adults carry donor cards, although according to annual Gallup surveys carried out for the British Kidney Patient Association 74 per cent of the adult population are willing to become organ donors after their death. There appears to be a huge gap between our altruistic intentions and the reality of carrying a card that is a constant reminder of our own mortality.

Only one kidney is needed for a transplant; thus by using the kidneys, heart and liver of one donor, four lives can be saved. But Mrs Ward will face an uphill struggle in her attempts to persuade the Government to introduce an opting out scheme. Her main opponents, surprisingly, are in the medical profession itself, and without their support, the Government is unlikely to act. The British Medical Association (BMA), the professional body which represents the country's doctors, is firmly opposed to an opting out scheme.

"It is a matter of human nature and of the information that would be available," a BMA spokesman said. "This is very much a middle-class thing. People who are articulate would know what to do to opt out, but many others might not, and we would be very worried about that."

But an opting out scheme has some powerful supporters. Sir Roy Calne, professor of surgery at Cambridge University, argues that, if the scheme was well publicised and people could change their mind at any time, opting out could work well, as it already does in Austria, Belgium and France. He emphasised that even if someone had not opted out, no doctor would proceed with organ removal if the relatives objected. Such action would be regarded as unethical.

Its supporters believe that an opting out scheme could change the general attitude to organ donation, making it the norm rather than an exception. Doctors need encouragement too. A medical team who have just lost the battle to save someone in an intensive care unit will not rush to take on the additional task of organising an organ retrieval team from an outside hospital for the sake of a transplant patient they do not know.

More than six years ago, the Medical Research Council's biostatistics unit at Cambridge University found that organ donation could be increased by about 70 per cent if all suitable donors were identified, all relatives were asked, and the refusal rate was reduced slightly. Even a central "opting in" scheme could greatly increase the number of donors.

Such a scheme would mean that we all had the chance to indicate on a central register whether or not we wished to become donors. One proponent of such a scheme, Ross Taylor, consultant transplant surgeon at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle, said: "The doctor in the intensive care unit would be able to say 'your nearest and dearest has expressed his wish to become an organ donor in the event of his death. We intend to take the organs unless you object'."

Asking such questions in the midst of grief will always be hard, and potential donors, whether opting out or opting in, will make the whole process much easier if they express their wishes clearly to their relatives during their lifetime.

From 1978 to 1992 the numbers awaiting a kidney transplant quadrupled. Let Mrs Ward have the final word. "If there is anybody who has the slightest concern about the question of organ donation, they should see themselves or their loved ones as potential recipients rather than potential donors. If you are not prepared to give, you should not be prepared to receive."



Facing life on dialysis: Mrs Ward and her son, Timbo, at home in 1972

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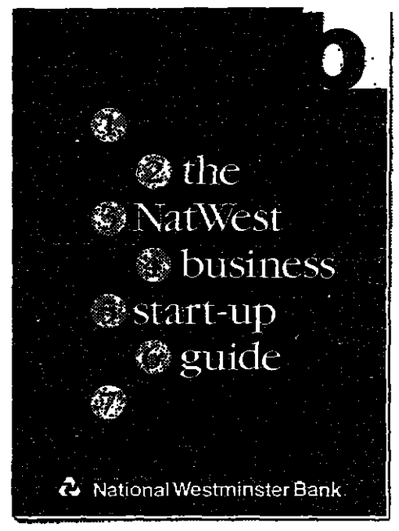
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Lynne Truss



■ Au revoir is so much easier than saying an irrevocable goodbye

Last week, a Durham cricketer's wife visiting her parents in Australia received a rather startling telecommunication from her husband — to wit, a fax informing her that the marriage was over. In terms of goodbyes, it certainly had efficiency to commend it. "Page 1 of 1", it presumably announced at the top: "FROM: Graeme Fowler. TO: ex-wife". But was this act of arm's-length brush-off "callous and cold", merely? After all, the fax was swift and modern in its brutality, it will fade in time (literally), and mercifully it prevented the cliché marital bust-up which invariably degenerates into scuffle and fisticuffs. To peer and strain even further to see a bright side, at least the cricketer did not line her up on a parade ground and bark, "All those who are married to me, take one step forward. Where the hell do you think you're going, Mrs Fowler?"

Faxes for this purpose are quite rare. The more common goodbye disguises itself, for reasons of humdrum cowardliness, as "See you later" and "I'll phone you back". Last week I moved house — from London to Brighton — but like a genuine spineless dastard I flatly denied its implications on personal relationships to the last. "So we'll not be seeing you," London neighbours said. "Of course you will," I declared heartily, "I'll be back, you won't know I've gone, in any case Brighton's not far, just find East Croydon and it's easy." Why endure the pain and tears (your own, not theirs) when you can avoid it with denial? Personally I have always admired those famous dying words which, instead of solemnly commending the soul to the maker, express "Much better, thanks: in fact, I fancy I could eat one of Mrs Miggins's meat pies". H.G. Wells's "Go away, I'm all right" is a particular favourite, but it runs close with Lord Palmerston's grandiloquent, "Die, my dear doctor? That's the last thing I shall do." So when I indulge myself unforgiveably by mentioning that this down-the-side column will of course continue for ever (and see you next week, and the week after that, phone you later, go away I'm all right), perhaps you will deduce what I'm getting at.

To return to the matter in hand — the Fowler fax — I find that I distrust the temptation to jump to conclusions, to assume it came to Mrs Fowler as a bolt from the sky. It sounds to me more like the act of a desperate person, driven to exasperated lengths. Conceivably, Mr Fowler had been leaving clues for weeks, and had finally exhausted his ingenuity. One remembers the Victoria Wood sketch that went: "Jeff's gone." "For good?" "Well, he's taken the toolshed." Mrs Fowler may just have been slow on the uptake. One imagines her wandering through the bare, curtainless house, musing "Funny, where's Graeme got to?", seemingly blind to the words "I'm off, then" and "I mean it" sprayed with paint on the living-room walls.

Personally, the only time I successfully said goodbye — really *felt* it, surrendered to it, explored it — was when my wise Chinese acupuncturist left London for Los Angeles. (I know how this must sound, but I'll carry on anyway.) The point was, we had discussed my attitude to separation trauma, so she helped me face a real goodbye (with her), with an emotional result that was positively startling in its depth and scope. The only trouble was, it made me feel like a character from a Woody Allen movie. "Why are you sobbing?" my surprised colleagues asked, back at the office. "Why do you think?" I wailed, "Because my acupuncturist has left for the Coast!"

Possibly it was the most pure and truthful emotional moment of my life, but in the end it proved limiting, because when she returned last year I couldn't face her, too much salt water having passed under that particular bridge. There is a lesson here, I feel. If only she had left me with, "No, I'll soon be home, Los Angeles isn't far, just find the Great Circle and it's easy", I would have been back to see her, like a shot, and would now be cheerfully bristling with acupuncture needles like quills upon the fretful porpentine.

Lynne Truss will in future be writing a weekly column about television.



There is only one feud

Wait a minute, who is selling whom down which river? And can Tiny and the Fayeds really be paddling the same canoe?

Bernard Levin

Everybody is saying that at last Tiny Rowland has given up all power over Lonrho, and that he will now gracefully bow out of the hurly-burly of finance to cultivate begonias and raise Manx cats.

Perhaps. But I wouldn't stake my life on it, or even the lives of my begonias and Manx cats. We can be reasonably sure that the decade-long feud between Tiny and the Brothers Fayed is not going to break out again, not after they kissed and made up in that spectacular reconciliation, though I confess that I have a modest tenner each-way. But let us assume that Tiny and the Fayeds remain blood-brothers to the end of their lives, that Tiny gets a weekly gift in the shape of half a pound of the very best smoked salmon, and in return has his haircut on the Harrods premises every week, there remains, apparently, a gigantic residue of Lonrhitude and an equal quantity of Fayedness. For once again, Robert Peston, that amazing sleuth on the *Financial Times*, this time accompanied by one Roland Rudd, has broken a magnificent story of clashes among the exceptionally well-heeled, and as I read it over my breakfast I was in danger of swallowing the toast-rack, nay, the coffee-pot itself, so helpless with laughter was I as I read on.

I could find the story nowhere else, though that does not mean it was a stumer; my guess is that the *FT* had snapped up every "alleged" in the land, and until some more could be got from the wholesalers nobody else could move. I, of course, am known far and wide for my impeccable even-handedness, so I need have no fear about discussing the story. And what a story.

It started formally with a writ served by the Fayeds, though *not* against Tiny. Indeed it seems to have been Tiny himself who supplied to the Fayeds at least some of the material in the writ. And the writ is a vintage corker.

It is for breach of confidence, and is directed at a Mr Graham Jones; it demands of him £550,000. Or rather, it demands £555,417.07. How this extraordinarily precise sum was arrived at I cannot imagine; surely a man who is looking at half a million, with good reason to think he is going to get it, would wave away the sevenpence with a lordly gesture, saying to the judge "Keep the change, my good man". But there is more mystery than that in this story, and the biggest bit of mystery is so huge, so amazing, so stupendously impudent, that I had to read the whole thing three times before I could believe what I was staring at.

Well, would you believe that Tiny Rowland would now help the Fayeds with their writting, when the huge sum mentioned was said to be paid to Mr Jones as an infiltrator against the Fayeds, while the battle was going on. This is the bit that makes the head swim:

> Lonrho is alleged to have paid £555,000 [don't forget the sevenpence] to the former finance director of House of Fraser, a man who supplied damaging information on the owners . . . the writ says that in 1990 Mr Jones supplied financial information to Lonrho which helped the conglomerate in its propaganda war against the House of Fraser.

Mind you; we have heard nothing from Mr Jones's side of the story, and it may be very different, but I have not got the story upside down: while the Tiny-Fayed struggle was at its height, Mr Jones was ostensibly working for the Fayeds, but was apparently supplying Tiny, at the cost (to Tiny) of half a million quid or so, with matter damaging to Tiny's enemies. That is to say, Mr Jones was Tiny's Fifth Column. Well, no one who followed the decade of battle would be surprised at anything that the two armies did and said, but the point at which the reader — this reader, anyway — stops breathing is when Tiny may be cutting off the legs of his own man. Listen:

> Mr Fayed was furious with Mr Jones. But he was unable to sue him until Lonrho handed over handwritten notes and typed memoranda purporting to show that Mr Jones gave it sensitive information and used this information to damage House of Fraser

As I have repeatedly said, I know nothing about high finance, and I understand even less. But here is Mr Terry Robinson, who was once a director of Lonrho, and a director moreover, whose job it was to do down the Fayeds, saying that it was "extremely surprising" that Lonrho had given the anti-Jones material to the Fayeds.

"Extremely surprising?" It is almost incredible, or would be if it were not that such things apparently happen every day in this weird world, although I have to say that my belief that they do happen wavered when I got to the bit about Mr Jones being given £100,000, and having stacked it away in Liechtenstein. I have been to Liechtenstein (there is an amazing parking system — if you find a ticket on your car when you have over-stayed your time, you are on your honour to put the fine into a special receptacle and go your way) and indeed interviewed a Liechtenstein lawyer whose job was to accommodate money which was if not hot, quite pleasantly warm. Nevertheless, the very thought of Mr Jones putting a fifth of his earnings in Liechtenstein made me laugh, because whenever I think of Liechtenstein I simultaneously think of Ruritania.

The *FT* hounds could get nothing out of Tiny, who was passing questions about his relationship with Mr Jones to the Fayeds, and when Tiny shuts up it is pointless to try to prise him open. But we can speculate, and I intend to.

Tiny Rowland is unhappy if he is not in a fight. I know that, because the same is true of me. The fights he gets into are in categories quite different from those which make my blood go round my body at double speed, but the principle is the same. Even when the *FT* explosion was going off, Tiny was in another, entirely separate brouhaha. This time it was with Herr Bock, who now is the boss of Lonrho, though one day he might begin to wish he wasn't. (If Herr Bock does not know about the last time someone bought into Lonrho against Tiny's wishes, he will find the details under the heading "Bond, Alan: clashes with Tiny: goes bankrupt: sent to prison". Watch it, Bock.)

Heaven forfend that I should try to understand the clash between Tiny and Bock, or even whether they have settled their differences and are now a pair of lovebirds. But if so, he will be looking round for another scrap.

But where do Mr Jones, the Fayeds and Tiny himself stand in this astounding business of the half-million, which was paid, it may turn out, for the wrong reason? Is Tiny shopping the man whom he paid so substantially? And who, it seems, did sterling work for Tiny in acting as a double-agent? If so, why? Whatever sins Tiny may have committed, I have never heard that he double-crossed anyone, let alone anyone who had laboured in the fields for him.

Mr Mohamed Al Fayed, say the *FT* pair, is enjoying the spoils of the peace that recently broke out between him and Mr Tiny Rowland . . . Yet,

> Since the entente was reached with Mr Rowland in October, he [Mr Al Fayed] has received reams of documents from Lonrho. The writ he served . . . is the first tangible use he has made of them.

Can it be? *Can* it be? Surely not — surely Tiny is not dreaming of one more round in the ring with the Fayeds? No, that cannot be. But remember how unlikely it is that Tiny really will spend the rest of his life with begonias and cats. I truly cannot figure it out. Tiny is quiet at the moment, though that means little to such a noisy fellow. And I still cannot understand the mystery of why Tiny seems to be so co-operative in trying to nail Jones, if it was Jones who gave Tiny considerable help. Perhaps the solution to the mystery will be found in Liechtenstein, or more likely Ruritania. Or Bockland: for there is harder evidence that Tiny is not interested in begonias. He said, just before he bowed out at last, that "It's going to be very difficult to exclude me from the running of Lonrho, because I'm still perhaps the largest shareholder in terms of shares . . . I'm totally independent".

Those words bode no good for Herr Bock. If there is no solution to the Tiny-Fayed-Jones mystery, and therefore no one to fight with there, the shortfall is immediately available. What is the German for "ouch"?

Air strikes would mean war

Edward Heath says Bosnia is not worth the risk

Last Saturday's marketplace massacre in Sarajevo has raised emotions across the world to a new level. It is rightly regarded as an outrage, and has reinforced the clamour by commentators and some politicians for "something to be done". Yes, something *must* be done — but what?

To that there is no answer except from those who want to use air strikes and bombing to achieve their ends. In other words they seek a military solution. Once that is recognised, there are only two possible outcomes. The first is that it fails to provide a solution and has to be abandoned with complete loss of credibility, as happened after the military activities in Lebanon. The second is that step by step the intervention has to be reinforced on the ground until it becomes a full-scale war. Even then it may be unsuccessful, leading to a withdrawal of forces, as in Vietnam. Neither is attractive, and the damage done by either could be immense.

The war in the former Yugoslavia is a civil war. Those of different backgrounds, races and religions are attempting to wipe out the legacies of centuries. Since the Second World War, these people had been held together by two things: first, the power of Marshall Tito and the system he created; and second, by the Soviet-dominated territories which ran along their border. Together these factors prevented the break-up of Yugoslavia. But the collapse of the Soviet Union removed that bond.

As the civil war has continued for more than two years, the feelings have become more bitter, the activities more savage and the determination more brutal. For the first time, British and Western European people are nightly seeing on television the horrors of murderous warfare in towns and cities not far removed from them.

All this relates to the possible use of air strikes. The immediate reaction of those attacked would be to seek their revenge on our forces — nearly 3,000 of them — and those from other participating countries. At the same time, the humanitarian relief of food and medicine would be brought to an end. Human suffering would be increased.

Moreover, if air strikes began, those implementing them would find it more and more difficult to locate their targets. Deeply forested areas with hidden tracks would provide every opportunity for quick dispersal and renewed action. What the Gulf War clearly demonstrated, however, was that even without these problems, air strikes alone could not achieve the desired end. There has to be ground support on a large scale as well.

It is significant that of the commanders on the spot, who appreciate these facts, not one has demanded the use of air power that is now being contemplated in some quarters. On strategic and tactical issues of this kind, the politicians should take note of the well-based views of those with military experience.

We should also look back to the progress of the Second World War in the Balkan peninsula. It is now calculated that 20 divisions — eight German and 12 Italian — were engaged in fighting the resistance in their mountain chains and forests. The resistance not only survived; it won.

The critics claim that the present situation would not have arisen had the British Government in particular, and members of the European Union in general, not vacillated in their attitude to the civil war. It is true that errors of judgment have been made. The untimely German rush to recognise Croatia should have been stopped by the other members of the union. The London Conference in autumn 1991 was unrealistic in demanding that all units should return to their original boundaries. Similarly, various peace plans put forward by the special representatives bore little relationship to reality.

The British Government, however, has so far been firm in its position: that military activities will play no part in dealing with this problem. It has imposed sanctions against Serbia and refused to lift the embargo on arms for Bosnia. To do so now would only intensify and lengthen the conflict.

John Major is now said to want "more muscular" military activity in Bosnia, but only if the commanders feel it is the best way forward. He should show discretion in dealing with the aftermath of the marketplace massacre; otherwise there will be those who claim that he has changed his attitude only to fit with his recent "tough" face in domestic affairs. He should maintain the bold approach to this problem which he has displayed in the past. The British Government will have to do its utmost to help with humanitarian measures, in which we have an excellent record, and even to do more, but it should not become directly involved in an international war.

Nor do I believe that the British people wish to become thus involved. Certainly, the American people have shown they do not. President Clinton is prepared to use air-strikes only provided there are no American troops on the ground who could suffer from them.

We should continue patiently trying to bring about a political solution. As the warring factions see more and more clearly the damage they are doing to themselves and each other, the pressures will grow within their own camps for such an outcome. Only such a settlement will last.

Nearly 80 years ago, on June 28, 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated in Sarajevo. As a result, Europe was dragged into the First World War. We do not want that to happen again.

This horse don't run

THERE IS, as yet, little sign that the political pundits believe John Major is on to a winner with his "back to basics" initiative. On the turf, however, a groundswell of support is gathering.

Not since the Gulf War gave rise to a flood of owners wanting to call their racehorses Desert Storm have there been so many applications for one single name. Weatherbys, the company which registers all thoroughbred names on behalf of the British Horse Racing Board, has had owners queuing up to be first to call their horses Back to Basics.

"We have had at least 20 owners submitting the name Back to Basics," says Paull Khan, the company's director of racing. "We may have had more Desert Storms, and there were quite a few Big Bangs, but Back to Basics has certainly caught the imagination."

However, the new applicants are being disappointed. For the name was registered back in 1992, long before Dame Barbara Cartland had a discreet word in the PM's ear. The name was bestowed on a chestnut filly, which was subsequently sold in Ireland and then shipped to Belgium by her new owner. And there Back to Basics remains, grazing contentedly at her Ostend stable, but as yet showing very little form.

"She's not a very good horse," admits Janet Smith, whose husband Allan is her trainer. "She's four years old and she's been placed in races but I doubt you'll see her race in England. She's not a champion."



● *Our diminutive Agriculture Minister, Gillian Shephard, appears to be coming under the influence of one of her junior ministers, Nicholas Soames. In the latest issue of* Country Living, *Shephard declares her love for traditional British food. "Sausage and mash, steak and kidney pudding . . ." she drooled. "I'm keen on pig's fry and oxtail, good roasts. And not too lean."*

Block unbusted

POOR Paddy Ashdown. Suddenly, after seven years, his former secretary Tricia Howard decides to bare all about their affair. And now he faces stiff competition from Edwina Currie, who, like Howard, holds extremely jaundiced views about the goings-on of male MPs at Westminster.

Ashdown and Currie are to share the platform at a Manchester literary lunch next month to promote their respective books. Currie, with an eye to making a tidy sum, has written in excruciating detail about sexual gymnastics in the Commons, without, she insists, experiencing them personally. Ashdown, by comparison, having admitted to some personal experience, has lifted his eyes way above the limited horizons of Parliament in *Beyond Westminster*.

Ashdown's aides are notably sensitive about the glossy paperback, subtitled *Finding Hope in Britain*, which retells the Lib Dem leader's experiences living with "ordinary Britons" during his "look and learn" initiative last year. And unlike Currie, who launched her ribald yarn in the Commons, Ashdown will hold a modest launch later this month at Rodin's, the Westminster eaterie. As a publishing aide admits: "It's going to be a smallish do. It will not be the world and his wife." Nor anyone else's, one hopes.

Ha ha, or peculiar?

FOLLOWING rave reviews, Terry Johnson's new play, *Dead Funny*, is fairly packing them in at the Hampstead Theatre. The play mines a rich comic vein by focusing on the antics of the members of a fictional Dead Funny Society. Not surprisingly, the plot has not gone down particularly well with the very real Dead Comics Society, a charitable organisation which honours departed comedians by placing plaques on the walls of their homes.

"Our members don't wear anoraks, and we don't spend our time running around impersonating Benny Hill or Frankie Howerd," says chairman David Graham, referring to some of the more repeatable things that members of the Dead Funny Society get up to in the play.

Richard Wakely, general manager at the theatre, insists any resemblance is, as they say, purely coincidental and not intended to upset anyone. "Terry Johnson and myself were brought up on these comics. The play is not disrespectful to the Dead Comics Society or any of the comics involved. In fact, we hope they'd be laughing at it too if they were still around."

Some complimentary tickets from Wakely mean that Graham can check that out himself. "I'm hoping to go with Jack Douglas, Melvyn Hayes and Henry McGee. We're looking forward to it — it's meant to be a great show."

On the spot

TERRY VENABLES, recently handed the challenge of reviving England's footballing fortunes, is set to banish once and for all the doubts that have surrounded his appointment as England coach.

With England out of the World Cup, Venables plans to spend his free time this summer writing his autobiography. "Terry is determined to tell his story," says his publisher, Tim Whitfield of Michael Joseph.

But will the book's publication, pencilled in for September, lay to rest the allegations that continue to surround Venables's business activities? "You'll have to read the book," says Whitfield.

● *Counsel appearing for the Attorney-General in the successful bid to block the opening of* Maxwell: The Musical — *thereby putting a lot of actors out of work — was one Phillip Havers. Brother Nigel may not be amused. The thespian in the family has just finished filming a new thriller,* Red Eagle, *for BSkyB.*

Unprincely

THE Prince of Wales's decision not to accept the position of Governor General of Australia in 1988 may well have been influenced by the experiences of the first royal governor, Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester. Prince Henry, George V's third son, was Governor General from 1945 to 1947. His early days were far from plain sailing.

It all started with a ghastly voyage marked by diversions to avoid U-boats, plus food poisoning and appalling weather. The residences were well below "what the dignity of the Australian Commonwealth demanded". Rooms were "almost bare of furniture, pictures and electric lights", as well as linen. Highgrove sounds a safer bet.

THE TIMES DIARY

D-DAY FOR BOSNIA

This time the West must mean what it says

Sarajevans had no chance to take cover on Saturday, and Europe's leaders seem at last to be realising that public opinion will no longer suffer the politicians to do so. Yesterday, European Union foreign ministers backed the use of all means, including air power, to end the siege of Sarajevo. This will be taken seriously only if it is translated tomorrow into the unequivocal Nato decision to use air power which the United Nations Secretary-General has requested. Once that has been done, Mr Boutros Ghali should, for the sake of military efficiency, devolve operational responsibility for strikes to the UN's commanders in Bosnia.

Since May, when the UN Security Council included Sarajevo among six "safe areas" in Bosnia, its Serb, Croat and Bosnian population has been under formal UN protection. With the city's cold and hungry civilians cowering in cellars, the anxiety of Western politicians to distinguish between "defensive action" and "punitive air strikes" has increasingly sounded like convenient sheltering behind semantic quibbles. The appalling toll of maimed and dead is all that differentiated Saturday's shell from the Bosnian Serb barrage which has rained almost unchallenged on the city for months.

The purpose of these attacks is political: for the Serbs, artillery has been a risk-free means of putting Sarajevo at their mercy and demonstrating that its people looked in vain for protection from the Nato aircraft circling overhead. Nato must now, as France has urged, give the Bosnian Serbs a deadline measured in days to lift the siege and pull their heavy guns out of range, or face attack. Air-strikes might not be militarily decisive, but that does not mean that they would have no impact. For a brief moment last August, after Nato threatened to use air power to prevent the "strangulation" of Sarajevo, the Serbs judged that risk was after all involved. For a time, Serb shelling and obstruction of aid convoys were sharply reduced.

That is why the "immediate and effective action", for which John Major — preempting faint-hearts on his own back benches — has called, must include the use of military power to make this random slaughter risk-free no longer. But air power, whether to relieve Sarajevo or to open Tuzla airport for relief flights, can only be part of a broader strategy. If air strikes are used, a more muscular UN posture throughout Bosnia will be required to convince the Bosnian Serbs that retaliation, whether against aid convoys or UN bases, is simply not an option. Lt-Gen Sir Michael Rose's refusal to brook the obstruction of humanitarian aid is an overdue approach which deserves whole-hearted political backing.

A new toughness should also include sanctions against Croatia, as guilty now as Serbia of military intervention in Bosnia. Justified before Saturday's Serb attack, they are no less justified now and the EU should have included that on yesterday's agenda. Douglas Hurd is right to insist that the purpose of military action must be to bring peace closer. But the way to bring peace about is not to cling to the pernicious, and counter-productive, habit of blaming the victims for refusing to accept the surrender note offered them by Lord Owen.

The Bosnian parliament yesterday offered a new formula, dividing Bosnia into four cantons under loose central government. It merits serious treatment, but Lord Owen may not be the man for a fresh diplomatic start. Yesterday he was lamenting that the Bosnian Serbs were on the brink of permitting the UN to take over the administration of Sarajevo — as though it were weak administration, rather than military siege, that is laying the city waste. By giving its blessing to Lord Owen's scheme yesterday, the EU sent the Serbs totally the wrong message, encouraging them to believe that they can carve up Sarajevo at the negotiating table — buying security from air-strikes while they talk. The way to end this terrible war is to give the Bosnian government some hope of fair treatment. This equivalence between aggressor and victim must end.

LESSON FROM THE FED

American interest rates are rising, but Europe's must fall

By the time that Wall Street reopened yesterday afternoon, world financial markets showed every sign of having survived the Federal Reserve Board's decision to raise American interest rates. The move was a distinctly unsensational quarter of a percentage point to 3.25 per cent and the calm reaction of the markets was wholly appropriate. That does not mean, however, that America's first increase in interest rates for five years was a non-event. On the contrary the Fed's modest move will, in time, have important implications for America, for the global economy and for the financial markets. Whether the impact proves damaging or benign will depend largely on whether policymakers on this side of the Atlantic conduct themselves with the intelligence and pragmatism of Alan Greenspan and his colleagues at the Fed.

For America, the Fed's policy will almost certainly be beneficial. Friday's quarter-point move is almost certain to be followed by further monetary tightening in the months ahead. If American interest rates rise to around 4.5 per cent by the end of the year, as futures markets have long been assuming, there is bound to some reduction in America's economic growth. But America is now near the end of the rapid recovery stage of the economic cycle. Factories will soon be operating at peak capacity. Unemployment is down to 6.4 per cent and seems almost certain to fall to around the 6 per cent level, which experience suggests to be about the lowest sustainable level consistent with stable prices.

For all these reasons, it is perfectly proper for the Fed now to shift the gears of economic management. In the past two years the Fed's main objective has been to reduce unemployment and accelerate recovery. Having achieved this, the Fed must now pay more attention to controlling inflation and move the economy from an unsustainably rapid growth path back onto the long-term trend of sustainable growth.

Unfortunately the governments and central banks of Europe have been far less skilful in conducting their monetary policies than the Fed. The danger now is that narrow minded inflation-fighters at the Bundesbank, the Banque de France and the Bank of England will try to use the increase in American interest rates as their latest excuse for delaying the further cuts in interest rates which are still clearly necessary in Britain, Germany and the rest of Europe.

Analogies between monetary conditions in Europe and in America are entirely inappropriate at present. Not only are American interest rates much lower than Europe's — and likely to remain lower even after the further inceases expected later this year. Even more importantly, the European economies are far behind America in the economic cycle. While the American economy has been recovering steadily for more than two years and has now eliminated almost all its recession-induced unemployment, the recoveries in Germany and France have not even begun, while in Britain, unemployment is still nearly one million higher than it was in early 1990.

With the American recovery now liable to slow, it will be more essential than ever for Britain and other European countries to set their interest rates to reflect their domestic economic conditions, instead of watching currency markets, relying on an external stimulus from exports or trying to imitate policies abroad. If the Bank of England and the Bundesbank want to learn from the Fed's excellent performance they should now emulate what Mr Greenspan has been doing since 1990: they should cut interest rates further and follow a policy committed to employment and economic recovery.

AN UNFAIR COP

Discrimination against women is still rife in the police

Nearly two decades after equal opportunities were enshrined in law, female officers still make up just 13 per cent of Britain's police forces. No woman has ever served as a chief constable and many specialised police units still operate an unofficial exclusion policy. While a few women are starting to break down the bastions, the service's culture is still steeped in sexism. An investigation by *The Times*, published yesterday and today, shows that in this respect, the police simply do not reflect the society they are supposed to serve.

The anecdotal evidence is damning. When one woman applied to join a dog unit, a senior officer on the appointment board said: "We don't have bitches with the dogs and we are not going to have them among the handlers." One woman officer was spied on in a station shower and another has complained of groups of male officers running their hands over their female colleagues to see whether they were wearing suspenders.

A few women officers are making great advances. Liz Neville, profiled in *The Times* yesterday, is in line to become the first ever woman chief constable. And both the Home Office and individual forces have become aware of the problems women face and are taking steps to redress them. The Home Office's inspectors of constabulary are urging chief constables to recruit more women. The Police Federation recently issued a leaflet condemning sexual harassment. And part-time working has just been introduced in order to allow women officers with small children to remain in the service.

But these moves are alien to the traditional canteen culture which imbues much of the police. Some male officers now complain that political correctness is being forced upon them, when actually the police are merely being asked to treat women with the respect that is accorded to them in the rest of society. If a man in any other field thought that he had the right to fondle or grope a female colleague or to spy on her in the nude, he would fast find himself up before an industrial tribunal. In the police, women can be too intimidated to complain.

This matters not simply because women police officers deserve a better deal. It matters too because the way in which the police treat each other can spill over into their dealings with the public. Women are starting to claim their rightful place in the rest of society. It is time that the whole of the police service caught up.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Broadcasting ban on Sinn Fein

From Sir David Nicholas

Sir, On BBC TV's *Question Time* (February 3) Mr Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Social Security, said during a discussion of the broadcasting ban on Sinn Fein: "The reason it was introduced is that it was abhorrent that relatives of people who had just been killed — soldiers who had just been killed in Northern Ireland — should the next day wake up and hear spokesmen for the IRA justifying the butchery of their loved ones on the radio and on the television . . . It was the matter of the obscenity of it . . ."

Whatever the arguments for or against the ban, let there be no misunderstanding of one point: as one who was responsible for all of ITN's broadcasting from 1977 to 1991, I can say with certainty that at no time did we ever broadcast IRA justification for murder or any words which came near it. I am confident that BBC News did not broadcast any such coverage either. This apparent reason for introducing the restriction is a fiction in politicians' minds created to provide an emotive excuse.

I have checked today with colleagues and we cannot recall complaints about giving a platform to terrorists from Government, from the Independent Broadcasting Authority or from the public. British broadcasting has had the unique experience of having to report for over two decades on a continuous terrorist campaign within its transmission area.

Politicians should reflect upon the debt they owe to courageous and responsible correspondents and camera crews in their reporting of Northern Ireland (with very, very few errors of judgment). Their reporting, with pictures, has exposed to the British public the true nature of terrorism — its inherent inhumanity and indiscriminate cruelty to innocent people. That is why, after 25 years, the IRA have not advanced a single centimetre in winning the opinion of plain people.

I invite the Secretary of State to produce specific instances of the alleged abhorrent broadcasts in which terrorists were allowed a platform in news programmes to justify murder. They never happened.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID NICHOLAS,
The Reform Club, Pall Mall, SW1.
February 6.

'Tribalism' between the churches

From the Reverend Gavin R. P. Ashenden and the Reverend Raglan Hay-Will

Sir, Tim Bradshaw, Dean of Regent's Park College, Oxford, refers to "the powerful corps of Roman Catholic journalists writing corrosive articles" aimed in a campaign to undermine the Church of England ("Anglicans fear the Catholics who conspire", January 29; also letters, February 3). He is being less than "ecumenically correct", but he expresses a growing frustration widely held by both Anglicans and Catholics.

The frustration is not just that of annoyed Anglicans tired of sad and aggravating Catholic journalistic militancy in the broadsheets: it is frustration that our own forms of vituperative tribalism seem to have so much life in them still.

We grow tired of the endless tribal conflict in the erstwhile Yugoslavia, fought along religious fault lines; anxious about the growing tension between Orthodox and Catholic in the Ukraine; weary of the daily brutality in Northern Ireland. What we experience at the hands of this corps of journalists is a diluted form of the same kind of tribalism.

It is a foolish nonsense to suppose that either religious community is in considerably better health than the other. What is worse than nonsense, what becomes dangerous, is when religious partisanship flourishes and drains our community of the few resources we have to heal an already divided society.

One of the more extraordinary phenomena of recent decades has been the intelligent and sympathetic rapprochement of Anglican and Catholic communities. Both of us admire more of each other's strengths and sympathise with each other's plights.

Faced by the splits in communities that proliferate daily, nationally and internationally, we have too much to offer a divided world than to squander it in the infantile point-scoring of a particular journalistic cabal.

Yours etc,
GAVIN ASHENDEN,
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January 30.

From Mrs Anne Shore

Sir, I am appalled that in Christian Unity Week *The Times* publishes the irrational article by the Dean of Regent's Park College, Oxford. A "papist plot" — really! Is this the reign of Elizabeth II or have I missed the last 391 years and we are back with Good Queen Bess?

Yours faithfully,
ANNE SHORE,
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From Mr J. D. Long

Sir, I would differ in one minor respect only from Tim Bradshaw's timely article. In the light of the nature of the Roman Catholic Church is it really likely that this concerted and sustained attack could be happening without, at least, the tacit approval of Cardinal Hume?

It is surely all of a piece with his unfortunate lapse while in Rome concerning "the conversion of England" (report, March 5, 1993) as well as with the present Pope's spiritual imperialism, which so angered the Orthodox Church.

If these attacks continue I fear the outcome could be very different from that which these journalists hope for and will further weaken the cause of Christianity in this country.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. LONG,
12 Oaklands, Gosforth,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

From Mr Michael Rothwell

Sir, I felt there was a whiff of bonfire smoke in Tim Bradshaw's article. I have always understood that plots were secret affairs, not announced daily in three or four broadsheet newspapers.

Writing as someone who left the Church of England to become a Catholic, I can only say, in all honesty, I've never had better relations with Anglicans in my life. To mark the recent week of Christian unity, Archbishop Carey and I exchanged the warmest of letters. The Dean of Regent's Park College might suspect some fiendish ulterior motive. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL ROTHWELL,
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'Bosnia switch-off must not happen'

From the Executive Director of Feed the Children (Europe)

Sir, Your article advising us of a "big spring offensive" (February 1) could not be more timely. For the next few weeks central Bosnia will continue to have deep snow, the mountain roadways from Split up to Vitez and Tuzla will be even more of a logistical nightmare and the cold alone will cause severe problems and pain to many thousands of civilians.

Whether people are still surviving in their own homes or sheltering in ruins, serious deprivation will cause illness, madness, death. Those in gymnasiums, hostels and halls will sink further into their wretchedness, their empty days, their personal horror. More psychiatric patients will be abandoned, more children at play will be shot, more funeral parties will be attacked.

The civilians, who have so far taken 90 per cent of the injuries and deaths in this war on people, will reappear on our television screens and increasingly become ghastly tokens of living history.

There is an inevitable risk that the more we see, the less appears real. This is another type of offence: the numbing of minds, war as living-room wallpaper, killing as chewing gum for the eyes. The convoys, the so-called peace talks and ceasefires, the attacks on aid workers, all amalgamate into an image that we can learn to accept or "switch off".

And what does switching off Bosnia mean? Ignoring the thousands who have so far been saved, the great amount of aid that has been taken in, the current containment of the conflict, the inadequate but not yet non-existent care and concern.

To switch off Bosnia is to switch off the UN and Nato, the potential of Europe. To switch off Bosnia would mean deserting millions of ordinary people and sending a negative message to others whom we "protect".

Switching off and pulling out mean the same thing: denying the success of what has been achieved to date and can still be achieved.

Yours etc,
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February 2.

Philippines disaster

From Professor M. J. Perkins

Sir, The rainfall and flooding of recent months in parts of Britain (article, January 17; letter, January 26) may have brought misery to some, but are as nothing compared with the catastrophe that has befallen tens of thousands of Filipinos in the last year whose homes were in the vicinity of Mount Pinatubo, and are now buried under some of the cubic kilometres of ash spewed out by the eruption.

Much of this is washed down from the upper slopes as "lahar" during the annual rainy season: it spreads out and is deposited on the surrounding lowland, engulfing homes, villages and townships, as well as much good agricultural land, in its unstoppable path. It will be a major problem for years to come.

Patterns of natural drainage, and consequent flooding, have been affected not only by clogged waterways, but by changes in surface contours resulting from earthquakes which had preceded the eruption, so that two-hour coach journeys regularly take a day — if they can be completed at all.

I was astonished to learn, on my return in October from four months in Manila, that none of my friends here was acquainted with this continuing tragedy in a country that is seldom the subject of balanced reporting in the British press. For example, you failed to mention that the world population of the magnificent Philippine eagle, pictured in your columns (January 25), which may now number fewer than 80 birds, has within the past two years been enhanced for the first time in a captive breeding programme pioneered at a small conservation centre near Davao City on Mindanao.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PERKINS,
8 Barclay Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent.

Opera ticket prices

From Mr Michael D. Varcoe-Cocks

Sir, Richard Morrison writes (Arts, February 3) that the "spectacle of heavily subsidised opera houses trying to flog ridiculously priced tickets for performances by overpaid singers is clearly an affront to public decency". It is an affront, but the implication that all the additional money provided by the higher prices goes to the "overpaid" singers is wrong.

Later this season, the Royal Opera is putting on some performances of *Carmen* with Domingo and some without. The extra ticket income from the exorbitant prices charged for Domingo totals about £90,000 per performance.

Opera house managements are notoriously secretive about fees paid to singers — completely inappropriate where substantial public funds are provided — but it is unlikely that even Domingo will get much more than £20,000 per evening.

Clearly the Royal Opera is milking the market for whatever it can get, but maybe a country where people will pay £374 for a pair of stalls tickets to see Domingo in *Carmen* deserves nothing better. The same tickets at New York's unsubsidised Metropolitan Opera House this season will cost £150 a pair, including performances where Pavarotti and Domingo are singing.

Whatever problems reduced Arts Council funding poses, the fact that Covent Garden glibly raises a further sum of £70,000 or so a night from opera-goers which does not represent the additional cost of a "star" such as Domingo is more than an affront: it is an insult.

Yours faithfully,
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February 3.

Prescription charges

From Mrs Christine Funnell

Sir, The news (report, February 3) that prescription charges are likely to rise yet again by 50p from April is bad news indeed for people with long-term medical conditions. Although people with diabetes or haemophilia are automatically entitled to free prescriptions, people with asthma, arthritis, eczema and many other long-term conditions are not.

Many are entitled to free prescriptions by virtue of age, pregnancy or low income. For others their regular visit to the chemist is becoming more and more expensive. It would be a false economy indeed if people stopped their medication and aggravated their conditions.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTINE FUNNELL
(Vice-Chair),
The Long-Term Medical Conditions Alliance,
c/o 18 Stephenson Way, Euston, NW1.
February 3.

From Miss Marie Anne Foskett

Sir, While waiting in a local pharmacy yesterday evening I noticed that no one on that occasion paid for their prescriptions. The routine went like this: Assistant: "Good evening. Are you exempt from charges? Please tick the back." No reply needed from the customer, or proof of entitlement.

I watched this performance five or six times — no one paid. I am told that the same routine is enacted at dental surgeries by those who prefer not to pay NHS charges for dentistry.

Doesn't something need tightening up?

Yours faithfully,
MARIE ANNE FOSKETT,
185 New Kings Road, SW6.
February 3.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

Hospital's loss

From the Dean of King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry

Sir, I write on behalf of colleagues and friends of the late Marquis of Normanby (obituary, February 1) who knew and admired him during his very long association with King's College Hospital. He was appointed by Aneurin Bevan as the hospital's chairman in 1948 and was reappointed by successive secretaries of state right through to the first reorganisation of the NHS in 1974.

Lord Normanby's business was managing estates and he brought this expertise, with enthusiasm and deep concern for individuals, to bear at King's. With single-minded determined effort he soon achieved a well-managed and economic hospital at Denmark Hill.

Under his chairmanship, the hospital was amalgamated in the mid-1960s with the local hospitals of Camberwell and Dulwich, so becoming at that time the largest teaching hospital complex in Western Europe, and much expansion and innovation was successfully established at King's.

It was entirely due to the personal initiative of Lord and Lady Normanby that the capital funds were found to establish the professorial chair from which has grown the distinguished Department of Child Health, located in the Variety Club Children's Hospital at King's.

After his retirement as chairman, Lord Normanby continued as president of the King's Medical Research Trust and in more recent years he was, with the Countess Mountbatten and Lord Carrington, joint president of the King's Appeal Trust. We mourn a man of great wisdom, compassion and foresight.

Yours faithfully,
IAN GAINSFORD,
Dean, King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry,
Bessemer Road, SE5.
February 2.

Arts Council grants

From the Executive Chairman of British Youth Opera

Sir, In defending the Arts Council's decision to hire staff to distribute National Lottery funds, the secretary-general of the council states (letter, February 7): "The Arts Council delivers excellent value for money. We are set to cut our general overheads by £600,000 in the coming 12 months."

Could some of this "excellent value" be directed at the national youth companies, please? It is a scandal that, year after year, the Arts Council devotes a minute sum to training and performance opportunities for the most outstanding young artistic talents in the country.

For example, almost all the principals who have appeared with British Youth Opera since 1987 are now singing principal roles with leading opera companies both at home and abroad.

Last year BYO had to raise £250,000 to fund its activities. The Arts Council's grant to BYO was £12,500.

Roll on the lottery.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS COE,
Executive Chairman,
British Youth Opera,
South Bank University,
103 Borough Road, SE1.
February 7.

Organ donation

From Mr Nigel Evans, MP for Ribble Valley (Conservative)

Sir, I read with interest the letter from Mr Rout of the National Kidney Research Fund (February 1; also letters, February 3) regarding making donor cards of durable plastic. However, as I pointed out in the House of Commons on December 17 last year, the greatest need is for a national registration scheme through which those who wish to donate organs can have their wishes confirmed on computer records. This would speed up and facilitate the process greatly.

Far too many people forget to carry their donor card and many others fail to inform relatives of their wish to donate organs in the case of death. A registration scheme would resolve these problems.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL EVANS,
House of Commons.

Strong medicine

From Mr John S. Belstead

Sir, I have today received an issue of *Healthcare Today*, the journal of NHS trusts. It contains an article from the chairman of the Brighton Health Care NHS Trust with the following sentences: "But the medical curriculum is one thing in the way of change. We need a new kind of doctor — communicating, committed to the new world, competent in business studies, computer-literate and open on outcomes."

When he becomes ill I wonder which he would prefer: a doctor who devoted his time to learning how to treat illness or a doctor who devoted his time to business studies?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BELSTEAD
(Accident and emergency consultant),
Ashford Hospital,
London Road, Ashford, Middlesex.
February 2.

Off the road

From Mrs Janet West

Sir, My elderly golden labrador was recently prescribed some medication by our vet. The instructions advise: "Avoid alcohol. May cause drowsiness. If affected do not drive or operate machinery." I have taken the precaution of confiscating her car keys.

Sincerely,
JANET WEST,
Chusan, Farley Court,
Farley Hill, Berkshire.
February 5.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 7: The Queen was represented by The Duchess of Kent at the State Funeral of His Excellency Monsieur Félix Houphouet-Boigny (President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire) which was held in the Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, Yamoussoukro, this morning.

February 7: The Princess Royal, President, British Olympic Association, and Member, International Olympic Committee, this morning departed Royal Air Force Lyneham to attend the XVII Olympic Winter Games and the One Hundred and Second International Olympic Committee Session at Lillehammer, Norway.

Dinners

Royal Society of St George

The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Anthony Bianco were present at a dinner held last night by the Royal Society of St George at the Cavalry and Guards Club to mark the 42nd anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. Sir Colin Cole, president, the Dean of Westminster, Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Bury, chairman, and Mr Cyril Horsford were the speakers.

Athenaeum

Lord Slynn of Hadley was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Lord Nathan presided.

Exeter Postgraduate Medical School

Professor Denis Pereira Gray, Director of Exeter Postgraduate Medical School, and Dr Brian Kirby, Deputy Director, held a dinner at St Olaves Court Hotel, Exeter, on Monday, February 7, 1994. Dr Kenneth Calman, Chief Medical Officer, was the Guest of Honour. Among the guests were: Dr David Harrison, Dame Margaret Turner-Warwick, Ms Rennie Fritchie, Ms Pamela Charlwood, Professor Richard West, Professor Stephen Lea, Mr Ian Powell, Professor Douglas Roy and Mr David Bolt.

Appointments

The Leonard Cheshire Foundation

Mr Rupert Ridge has been appointed International Director of The Leonard Cheshire Foundation to succeed Mr Ronald Travers who retires in June.

Circuit judge

Judith Mary Philomena Daley to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the Northern Circuit, but initially on the Wales and Chester Circuit.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will open the new rehabilitation wing at Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, at 3.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Honorary Freeman of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, will visit Benson and Johnson, 26 Marshalsea Road, SE1, at 11.00.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, will attend a reception at Guildhall at 7.15.

Princess Alexandra will attend a reception given by the Anglo-Peruvian Society at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office at 6.45 in aid of Peruvian charities.

Royal College of Physicians

The following were elected Fellows (under Laws Cap II, 9) at a quarterly meeting in Edinburgh on February 3:

Catherine Margaret Una Maclean, of Edinburgh; Abul Fatah Akram Sayeed, of Leicester; Abul Hassnat Muhammad Ahsanullah, of Dhaka, Bangladesh; Géza Sas, of Budapest, Hungary; and Sten Axel Iwarson, of Göteborg, Sweden.

University news

Durham

Rosa-Maria Greaves to the Allen & Overy Chair in European Law

Kent

Dr Philip Strange, reader in biochemistry, to be professor of neuroscience.

Birthdays

Lord Cameron, KT, 94; Professor Averil Cameron, ancient historian, 54; Miss Rachel Cusk, author, 27; Mr Osian Ellis, harpist, 66; Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, 81; Mr Harman Grisewood, former chief assistant to the director-general, BBC, 88; Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, 79; Lady Howe of Aberavon, chairman, Broadcasting Standards Council, 62; Lord Jakobovits, 73; Mrs Diana Ladas, former headmistress, Heathfield School, 81; Professor Ann Lambton, former professor of Persian, 82; Mr Murray Lawrence, former chairman, Lloyd's 59; Mr Jack Lemmon, actor, 69; Mr Roger Lloyd Pack, actor, 50; Miss Morag Macdonald, company secretary, Post Office, 47; Sir Francis McWilliams, former Lord Mayor of London, 68; Sir Kenneth Maddocks, former governor, Fiji, 87; Lord O'Brien of Lothbury, 88; Mr Alexander P. Papamarkou, international financier, 64; Dr June Paterson-Brown, former chief commissioner, Girl Guides Association, 62; Lord Rayne, 76; Lord Revelstoke, 83; Dame Laurie Salas, UN worker, 72; Sir Richard Southern, former president, St John's College, Oxford, 82; Mr G.J. Strowger, former managing director, Thorn Electrical Industries, 78; Mr Richard Tracey, MP, 51; the Rev Dr John Tudor, superintendent minister, Westminster Central Hall, 64; Mr John Williams, composer of film scores, 62.



STEPHEN MARKESON

The Very Rev John Southgate, Dean of York, left, Jocelyn Stevens, chairman, English Heritage, and Mgr George Stack, administrator of Westminster Roman Catholic cathedral, look at restoration work in the cathedral's Lady Chapel after the latest grants were announced

Cathedrals given £4 million by English Heritage

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

GRANTS worth more than £4 million are to be given to 43 English cathedrals for urgent repairs and conservation work.

The two largest grants, of £500,000 each, go to Salisbury cathedral for conservation of the west front and stonework, lead roofs and other projects, and to the 1967 Liverpool Roman Catholic cathedral of Christ the King, which is to become a grade-two listed building.

English Heritage announced the grants yesterday at Westminster cathedral, which received £150,000 for roof and window repairs and conservation of features such as Eric Gill's "Stations of the Cross".

Lincoln, Gloucester and Ely cathedrals are to receive £255,000, £224,000 and £250,000 respectively. Carlisle will have £150,000, Chelmsford £65,000 and Chichester £65,000. Of the 61 Anglican and Catholic cathedrals in England, 54 have now received grant offers totalling £15 million since the scheme was launched in 1991. Cathedrals had never before received help from the government.

Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, said the latest grants came at a difficult time for the funding of ecclesiastical buildings. Referring to Westminster cathedral, a Victorian masterpiece by John Francis Bentley, Mr Stevens said: "Nearly a century later, the cathedral fabric requires a major overhaul. This is a condition in which many of our cathedrals, and for that matter our parish churches, find themselves."

He said the great mediaeval cathedrals of England last underwent extensive restoration in the nineteenth century, and their "100-year service" was well overdue. "While there is no crisis and nothing is falling down, an English Heritage survey in 1991 revealed that large-scale repairs were required within most of these cathedrals with a relatively short period and outside funding was needed to ensure that the backlog of repairs was eliminated."

Latest wills

Miss Margaret MacKay **MacDonald**, of Buckingham Palace, London SW1, former nursemaid and dresser to the Queen and known to her as "Bobo", left estate valued at £152,374 net.

Mr Robert Atkinson **Westall**, of Lymm, Cheshire, the children's writer, whose books included *The Machine Gunners*, *The Scarecrows* and *Futuretrack 5*, left estate other than his literary works valued at £373,658 net. His literary estate amounts to £121,518 net.

Surgeon Captain Edward William **Bingham**, of Halstock, Dorset, who served as medical officer on three polar expeditions and was the last surviving holder of the Polar Medal with three clasps, left estate valued at £219,828 net.

He left £6,000 to the Royal School, Dungannon, Co Tyrone, £5,000 and a further £5,000 on the sale of his home each to the RNLI, Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, and Salvation Army, £5,000 to Lagan College, Belfast, and £4,000 each to St Mary's Church, Halstock, and King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, London.

School news

Tonbridge School

Music and Art Scholarships 1994

Music Awards for 1994 have been made to the following:

Major Scholarships: Julian Collings (Organ Scholarship), Sevenoaks Preparatory School; Lionel Edwards, Cranmore Preparatory School.

Scholarships: Timothy Adam-Smith, Holmewood House, Langton Green; James Chan, St Faith's, Cambridge; Christopher Etherington, Alleyn Court and Eton House; Felix Gummer, St John's College School, Cambridge; David Owen-Conway, Yardley Court, Tonbridge; Nicholas Cropp, Christ Church Cathedral School, Oxford; James Thomas, The New Beacon, Sevenoaks.

Bursaries: James Parker, Mowden School; James Rodier, Downsend; William Brown, The New Beacon, Sevenoaks.

Art Scholarships for 1994 have been awarded to the following: James Chan, St Faith's, Cambridge; Yusuf Rajbee, Claremont, St Leonard's; Ross Bowman, St Andrew's, Eastbourne; Peter Vardon, Aldro, Shackleford.

Tonbridge School is a charitable foundation for the education of boys.

Church in Wales

Diocese of Bangor

The Rev Robert Elistan-Glodrydd Hughes, part-time Curate in Arddudwy and Eifionydd Deaneries, to be Vicar of Harlech and Llanfair-juxta-Harlech with Llanfihangel-y-Traethau and Llandecwyn.

The Rev Peter Humphrey Pritchard, Rector of Llanberis and Llanrug, to be Rector of Llanfaethlu.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Burton, scholar, Lindley, Leicestershire, 1577; Jean André Deluc, geologist, Geneva, 1727; John Ruskin, writer, artist and social reformer, London, 1819; William Sherman, Union general in American civil war, Lancaster, Ohio, 1820; Henry Walter Bates, naturalist and explorer, Leicester, 1825; Jules Verne, novelist, Nantes, 1828; Dmitri Mendeleyev, chemist, Tobolsk, Russia, 1834; Martin Buber, philosopher, Vienna, 1878; Dame Edith Evans, actress, London, 1888; King Vidor, film director, Galveston, Texas, 1894; James Dean, actor, Marian, Indiana, 1931.

DEATHS: Mary Queen of Scots, executed at Fotheringay Castle, Northamptonshire, 1587; Peter the Great, Tsar of Russia 1682-1725, St Petersburg (Leningrad), 1725; Aaron Hall, poet and dramatist, London, 1750; Robert Southwell Bourke, 6th Earl of Mayo, Viceroy of India 1869-72, assassinated at Port Blair, Andaman Islands, 1872; Berthold Auerbach, novelist, Cannes, France, 1882; R.M. Ballantyne, novelist, Rome, 1894; Prince Peter Kropotkin, geographer and anarchist, Dmitrov, Russia, 1921; William Bateson, biologist and geneticist, Merton, Surrey, 1926; Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, architect, London, 1960.

Rioting and looting followed a peaceful demonstration of the unemployed in Trafalgar Square, London, 1886.

Kenneth Robinson, health minister, announced that cigarette advertising was to be banned from British television, 1965.

Fourteen British mercenaries were executed by firing squad in Angola, 1976.

Shergar, the Aga Khan's Derby winner, was kidnapped from a stable in Co Kildare and a £2 million ransom was demanded, 1983.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.P. Caddick-Adams and Miss S.F. Fairthorne

The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Caddick-Adams, of Newcastle, Staffordshire, and Sandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.F. Fairthorne, of Cape Bridgewater, Victoria, Australia.

Mr J.R. Kimber and Miss L.C. Dennison

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.T. Kimber, of Holywood, Co Down, and Lynne Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.T. Dennison, of Godalming, Surrey.

Mr S.D. Kingston and Miss M.L. Boath

The engagement is announced between Shane, elder son of the Rev J.D.G. and Mrs Kingston, of Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, and Mary-Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.H.C. Boath, of Bracknell, Berkshire.

Mr J. Morgan and Miss C.M. Edwardes

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs V. Morgan, of Birchgrove, Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan, and Catherine Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A.S. Edwardes, of Holland Villas Road, London.

Mr N. Smith and Miss K. Norton

The engagement is announced between Nick, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. Smith, of Thornbury, Bristol, and Kathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Norton, of Harrow Weald, Middlesex.

Mr N.O'M. Veronis and Miss S.L.F. Marr

The engagement is announced between Nick, son of Mr John Veronis, of New York City, and Mrs Sarah Shephard, of Litchfield, Connecticut, and Sophie, younger daughter of Mr Donald Marr and Jacqueline, Lady Weir, of London.

Mr A.R. Welsh and Miss V.M. Foulsham

The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Welsh, of Larkfields, Blakeney, Norfolk, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Foulsham, of Vale End, Albury, Surrey.

Luncheons

Newspaper Conference

Mr David Hunt, Secretary of State for Employment, was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual luncheon of the Newspaper Conference held yesterday at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr David Rose, chairman, presided.

APA

The Right Hon Michael Howard, QC, MP, was guest of honour at a luncheon given yesterday at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, Pall Mall, by APA, one of the UK's largest charities for preventing drug misuse. Dr Roger St J. Bundon, Chairman, and Mr Peter Martin, Chief Executive, were the hosts. Representatives from the Probation Service, HM Prisons, Charitable Trusts, Local and Health Authorities, the Social Services and the Police were present.

Ministry of Defence

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Peter Harding, Chief of the Defence Staff, was host at a Ministry of Defence luncheon held yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of General Karl Majcen, Generaltruppeninspektor of the Austrian Armed Force.

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Alas for you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You are like tombs covered with whitewash: they look fine on the outside, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and of corruption.
St. Matthew 23 : 27 (REB)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THE DOWAGER MARCHIONESS OF NORMANBY - Wishes to thank the many, many friends who have written letters of condolence to her, and will be answering them as soon as possible.

BIRTHS

ADAMS - See Taylor.

ARMOUR - On February 5th, to Janet (nee Davey) and Andrew, a son, Daniel Andrew, a brother for Jennifer.

ARUNDEL - On February 7th, to Georgie and Eddie, a daughter.

BRIDGE - On Sunday 16th January, to Natasha and Adrian, a son, Kit William Torquil Robertson.

CARR - On February 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Jan (née Dawson) and Henry, a wonderful son, Charlie, A precious brother for Oliver and Harry.

CHALMERS - On January 31st 1994, in Aberdeen, to Jennie and Peter, a son, Jack Campbell, a brother for Eleanor.

COE - On February 5th, to Alice (née Smee) and Stephen, a daughter, Amelia Laura, a sister for Edward.

COLLINS - On February 3rd, to Denise Arnold and James, a daughter, Josephine Siobhan, a sister for Mackayla and Callum.

CREWE - On February 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Zita (née Do Rego) and Robin, a beautiful son, Michael, a brother for Thomas.

EMPSON - On January 24th, in Charlotte, North Carolina, to Trish (née Patten) and Nicholas, a daughter, Page Morrow.

HASTINGS - On 4th February at The Portland Hospital, to Camilla (née Stopford) and Julian, a daughter, Francesca Diana.

KENILWORTH - On February 4th 1994, to Kiki and Randle, a son, Edward Oscar, a brother for William.

KIRWAN-TAYLOR - On January 31st at The Portland Hospital, to Charles and Helen (nee Semler), a son, Constantin Christopher.

LEACH CANIBANO - On 1st February in Paris, to Belen and Jeremy, a daughter, Emma Belen.

MITCHELL - On January 26th at Good Hope Hospital, Sutton Coldfield, to Royce (née Browne) and John, a son, Alistair Downing Day.

MOCATTA - On February 4th, to Stephanie (née King) and Charles, a daughter, Natalie Elizabeth Carne, a sister to Simon.

BIRTHS

RAPP - On February 5th 1994, to Ann (nee Yellowlees) and James, a daughter, Hope Elizabeth Primrose, a sister for Rachel.

SHAIRP - On February 5th in Hong Kong, to Joanna (née Hillman) and David, a son, Matthew David William, a brother for Rachel and Hannah

STEVENSON - On February 6th, to Johanna (nee Coombs) and Gregory, a son, Oliver, a brother for Emily and Benjamin.

ST LAWRENCE - On January 14th, to Penelope (née Marshall) and Peter, a daughter, Natasha Louise, a sister for Kelly.

TAYLOR - On 3rd February 1994, to Gill and Alan, a daughter, Jessica Fay Webster, a sister for Sam.

WATKINS - To David and Rachel (née Lott) at the North Devon Hospital on 25th January, the gift of a son, Jonathan George Thomas, A precious brother for Hannah, Elizabeth, Ruth and David.

WHADCOAT - To Jennifer (née Paterson) and Andrew, on 5th February, a son Matthew William. Deo gratias.

WILSON-BARNES - On February 4th at Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey, to Frances (née Wilson) and Brian, a daughter, Yolanda May, a sister to Saskia.

DEATHS

BUTCHER (née Garrett) - On 1st February 1994 at Berrewerke Court Nursing Home, Winchester, Jane Hope (Jane), beloved wife of the late Lt. Col. C.G. Butcher, mother of Felicity and grandmother of Emma. Private cremation. No flowers. Donations to Save the Children Fund.

CASWELL - On February 4th, peacefully at home after a brief illness, courageously borne, Horace John Kelvin, dearly loved husband of the late Anne, dear father of Bruce, Edward and Jane and father-in-law of Christine. Funeral Service Wednesday February 9th at 1 pm at St Augustine's, Bournemouth, followed by interment at Wimborne Road Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for cancer charities. Please make cheques payable to W. Smith & Sons, 639/645 Wimborne Road, Bournemouth.

DEATHS

CHAMBERLAIN - On February 4th 1994, suddenly, Roy Chamberlain, aged 83, Canon Emeritus of Winchester Cathedral. Greatly loved husband of Eileen, dearest father of Peter and Angela and father-in-law of Caroline, and dear grandfather of Sarah, Mark, Vanessa, Juliet and Rachel. Cremation on Friday morning followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Sawston, on Friday 11th February at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished, may be sent for the Bible Society or Christian Aid c/o H.J. Paintin Ltd., 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge CB1 6HS.

CHECKSFIELD - Frederic Victor (Checks) died on February 1st at home. Dearly loved husband of Muriel (Mike). He will be much missed by his extended family in England and France. Private cremation. Donations, if wished, to the RSPCC.

CLARKE - On February 5th. After an exceptionally brave battle against cancer, Michael Robert Brierley, much loved husband of Joan and father of Morgan and Parry; and brother of Janet. Beloved son of Margaret and the late Reginald Clarke.

COURAGE - On February 6th, peacefully at home, after an illness courageously borne. Ann Dorothy Mary, much loved widow of Guy, mother of Robin and Rosalind. Funeral Service at Crowcombe Church, Somerset, on Friday 11th February at 1 pm. Enquiries, flowers and donations. If desired, to Leonard E. Smith, 1 Haydon Road, Taunton TA1 1SY (0823-272122).

CRYER - On February 4th in Sutton, Mary Grace in her 91st year, widow of William Newcomb Cryer O.B.E. Funeral Wednesday 16th February at St Dunstans Church, Cheam at 2 pm.

DALZELL - Thomas Derek on February 4th 1994 at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, Berkshire. Tom, will be much missed by his wife Joyce, children Helen and David, sister Jean, grandchildren Thomas, Emma, Sarah-Jane, James, friends and colleagues in the computer business. Private funeral by request. Memorial party 16th February. No flowers by request. Donations to the Royal Berks I.C.U. Any enquiries to (0734) 404859.

DAVSON - Marjorie Heath, artist, died February 3rd in her sleep, aged 88 years. She leaves behind her sadly bereaved husband Hugh, daughter Caroline Jane, granddaughters Amelia and Harriet and great-grandchildren Hugo, George, Violet and Florence. Private service and interment at Georgeham in Devon. Enquiries c/o Clarke & Sons Funeral Directors, tel: (0271) 812271.

DEATHS

DENNETT - Née Daniel. On 5th February, suddenly, Jill, dearly beloved daughter of Salim and Flora Daniel, sister of Gloria, Charles and Carol and dear friend to many. Funeral Service on Thursday 10th February at 2pm at Golders Green Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to Childline, 50 Studd Street, London N1 0QJ.

FITZPATRICK - On February 6th, John Desmond of Lymington, formerly of Northwood, Middx., in hospital after an illness courageously and cheerfully borne. Beloved husband of the late Betty Fitzpatrick, brother-in-law of Patty and Helen and a dear uncle to his nephews and nieces. Funeral Service St Thomas' Church, Lymington, on Friday February 11th at 1.45 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Oakhaven Hospice c/o Diamond and Son, Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, SO41 9DN.

GARNHAM - On 4th February 1994, passed away at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Jack (John Roberts), husband of Sheila and a much loved father of Lynne, Hugh and John. Cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Thursday 10th February at 9.30. Family flowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation c/o Lodge Brothers, 36 High Street, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8AB, tel: (0932) 854758.

GIRON-COWLAND - On Thursday February 3rd, peacefully at home, Alice (Pat), beloved wife of Frank, much loved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Requiem Mass on Friday February 11th at 1.45 pm at the Rosary Church, Hayes, Kent, followed by cremation at Elmers End Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations in her memory may be sent to St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, SE26 6DZ.

GRACIE - On 5th February 1994 at Sedgebrook House, Chapel Brampton, Northampton, Hilda Dorothea, Widow of Lt. Col. A.L. (Bill) Gracie O.B.E. M.C. Mother of Ann, grandmother of Georgina, Carolyn and Edwina. The funeral service will be held on Friday 11th February 12 noon at All Saints Church, Pitsford, near Northampton, followed by interment in the churchyard. Flowers or donations for the R.N.L.I. may be sent please to B. Hollowell & Son Funeral Directors, 148 Beech Avenue, Northampton NN3 2JN.

DEATHS

GRANT - Suddenly on Saturday February 5th 1994, at Nairn, Brigadier Eneas Henry George Grant, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., late Seaforth Highlanders, aged 92 years. Inverbrough, Tomatin, Inverness. Beloved husband of the late Lilian O'Neill, father of Donald and the late Angus, grandfather of Patrick. Funeral Service on Thursday February 10th at 2.30 pm in Dalaroosie Church, Tomatin. Family flowers only please. Donations to Seaforth Highlanders Association may be sent to R.H.Q., Queen's Own Highlanders.

GRIMES - On 3rd February 1994, peacefully at home, Philip Bowen, aged 65 years. Private family cremation. No flowers by request. Memorial Service to be held at Loddington Parish Church, East Norton, Leicestershire, at 11.30 am on Saturday 26th March 1994 and afterwards at Loddington House. Donations for "Macmillan Nurses" or "Lincolnshire Trust for Nature Conservation" may be sent to John Lucas (Peterborough) Ltd., Funeral Directors, 31 Dogsthorpe Road, Peterborough.

HARLEY - Dr. David. On 4th February 1994, aged 89 years, peacefully at The Mid Bucks Medical Centre. Greatly loved husband of Kathleen and father of Jane, David and Alexander. Family funeral at Amersham Crematorium, 10.30 am on Monday 14th February.

HAZLITT - On February 4th at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, peacefully after a brave fight, Denis Roy, beloved husband of Jennifer and adored father of Sally, Simon and Phillipa. Funeral Service at St Mary the Virgin, Horsell, on Friday 11th February at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Horsell Parish Church or R.S.C.H. Intensive Care Unit Appeal c/o Woking Funeral Services, 119/121 Goldsworth Road, Woking.

HOFMEYR - On Saturday January 29th 1994, died tragically whilst on a skiing holiday in Val D'Isere, Dr. Jan Fairclough B.Sc., M.B.B.S., D.R.C.O.G., M.R.C.G.P., aged 38. Dearly loved husband of Jan and greatly loved daddy of Paul and Kathy. Will be sadly missed. Funeral Service to take place at the Parish Church of St Mary Virgin Purley-on-Thames on Thursday February 10th 1994 at 11 am followed by burial. No flowers by request but donations if desired for The British Heart Foundation or The Uphill Ski Club of Great Britain may be sent C/o Cyril H Lovegrove, 58 Brionte Avenue, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire. (0734) 461398.

DEATHS

HUQUE - On February 3rd 1994, at his home in London, Ahsan ul Huque, aged 76, son of the late Sir Aziz ul Huque, beloved father of Niloufer Dastgir and grandfather of Shayda, Nasr and Amer. Burial will take place in Dhaka on Wednesday 9th February.

KEEN - Geoffrey Maurice Spencer on February 4th 1994. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral 2 pm St Andrew's, Limpsfield Chart. Donations if desired towards equipment for local health care c/o Ebutt Funeral Service, High Street, Limpsfield.

KENNEDY - Mabel, peacefully on February 1st 1994, aged 90 years, widow of John. Funeral Service to take place at St Joseph's R.C. Church, Cookham Road, Maidenhead, Berks. on Thursday February 10th at 10 am. Cremation at Slough Crematorium following at approximately 11.30 am. Donations, if desired, to the Catenian Association Benevolent Fund c/o Lines Bannister & Co. Ltd., 69 High Street, Ascot, Berks. tel: (0344) 20266.

LEECH - On February 3rd 1994, suddenly at home, Pauline Mary aged 76 years, elder daughter of the late Ernest Boodin and Mary Leech of Victoria Park, Manchester. Funeral Service at St John Chrysostom's Church, Anson Road, Victoria Park, Manchester, at 1 pm on Thursday February 10th followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations if desired to St Ann's Hospice, Heald Green, Manchester. All enquiries C. Middleton & Son, tel: (061) 434-3725.

MADDOCK - May (née Freer) formerly Hosmié, very peacefully at Weymouth Hospital on 7th February 1994 aged 90. Beloved wife of the late Eddie I.C.S. and the late Bishop David. Dear mother of Busfy, Francesca, Nicholas and the late Michael and Robert, grandmother and great-grandmother, after a very full and happy life. An indomitable spirit and an inspiration to all. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Bridport, on Monday 14th February at 2 pm. No flowers, donations if desired to the Royal Hospital and Home, Putney, c/o A.J. Waksty and Sons, 91 East Street, Bridport, Dorset. tel: (0308) 425726.

MAIN - On February 2nd 1994 at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, after a sudden illness, Neville, of West Oxon. Beloved husband of the late Betty and much loved stepfather of Carol and Christopher. Will be greatly missed by family and friends. At his specific request there will be no funeral service.

DEATHS

MARSHALL - Margaret, on February 5th peacefully at "Brooklawns", Lymington. Beloved wife of Peter, mother of Sophie and grandmother of Margaret Grace. Funeral at St Nicholas Church, Poling, at 2 pm on Tuesday 15th February. Flowers to H.D. Tribe, 65 Sea Lane, Rustington, West Sussex.

MILTON - On Friday February 4th 1994, George, dearly loved husband of Jane and father of David and Penny. Funeral Service on Friday February 11th at 12 noon at St Mary-the-Virgin, Wivenhoe. Family flowers only. Donations to St Helens Hospice.

MORGAN - On February 5th in an Eastbourne nursing home, David, aged 75, (previously Project Engineer with ICI), beloved husband of Kay, dear brother of Catherine, Joan and Gwyn and uncle of Dena, Sara, Richard, Sarah, David, Emma, Nerys, John and David. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Friday February 11th at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research Fund c/o Haine & Son Ltd., 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

OLDHAM - On January 31st 1994, Bea. Much loved and missed by her many friends and patients.

O'NEILL - On February 5th, Dom Niall Hugh O'Neill M.B.E., monk and priest of Worth Abbey: formerly of the Indian Civil Service and sometime Deputy Secretary to the Government of India. Funeral at Worth Abbey, Friday February 11th, 3 pm.

PERKINS - Francis Layton, C.B.E., D.S.C., on February 5th, peacefully after a short illness. Husband of Jilly, father of Carole, Victoria and Ian, stepfather of Caroline. Private funeral, family flowers only. Donations if desired to Barts Research Development Trust. Details of Service of Thanksgiving to follow.

PILKINGTON - On Saturday 5th February 1994 John Varlow, T.D., late of Blundell's School, Devon, peacefully at Llanelli. No flowers please but donations may be sent, if desired, to the Marie Curie Centre, Tidcombe Hall, Tiverton, Devon.

PREDERGAST - On February 4th, Steven, peacefully at home after an illness borne with great strength and courage. Deeply loved and devoted wife of Stuart, mother of Shona and the late Steven, grandmother of Cosmo and daughter of Helma. A funeral service will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Avenue Branly, Cannes, at 1.30 pm on Friday 11th February. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to Sunny Bank Anglo American Hospital, 153 Avenue du Petit Juas, 06400 Cannes, France. A Memorial Service, to be held in England, will be announced later.

DEATHS

REES - On 5th February 1994 in Weybridge Hospital after a long illness, David Llewellyn aged 80. Much loved and greatly missed by Peggy, Marilyn, David, Louise and Victoria. The funeral will take place on Thursday 10th February at the United Reformed Church, Queens Road, Weybridge at 11.30am. Flowers to Cuttys of Weybridge or donations to Save the Children Fund.

ROWEY-DOUGAL - Marjorie Mary, peacefully at home on 4th February 1994 after a long illness borne with amazing fortitude. Funeral at St Mary's R.C. Chapel, Bowmont Street, Kelso, at 2pm Friday 11th February and thereafter burial at Linton Kirk. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Macmillan Nurses c/o Border General Hospital, Melrose, Roxburghshire.

RUSHWORTH - On Sunday February 6th, peacefully at Charlesworld Court, Violetta Mary aged 90 years, widow of David, the dearly loved mother of Violet Ashford, Rosemary Oddy and Elizabeth Wood. Cremation at Wilford Hill Crematorium, Nottingham, on Friday February 11th. Flowers to A. Oliver and Sons Funeral Directors, 46 Easthorpe Street, Ruddington, Nottingham. tel: (0602) 211078.

SHENTON - On February 3rd 1994 in hospital of Stockport, Cheshire, Sydney aged 79 years. The dearly loved husband of Betty and very dear father of Michael and Andrew. Service at Stockport Crematorium on Thursday February 10th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Jonathan Alcock & Sons Ltd., tel: (061) 428-2097.

SOBEL - On February 3rd, peacefully at home, Guy, aged 18 years, beloved son of Michele, after a long illness against which he fought courageously. Funeral Service at 2 pm on Thursday February 10th at Church Hall, Church Lane, Chalfont St Peter, followed by interment at The Garden of Rest, Denham Lane. Flowers to H.C. Grinstead / Ltd., Churchfield Road, Chalfont St Peter, or donations to Isle Reanda Hospice at Home, Cedar Barn, Cedar Avenue, Hazelmere, Bucks.

STANWAY - On February 5th 1994, John, much loved husband of Alice. Peacefully at home after a long illness borne with courage and dignity, a kind and loving man. Private cremation followed by Memorial Service at St Nicholas' Church, Brockenhurst, on Friday February 11th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations may be made to Oakhaven Hospice c/o Diamond and Son, Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, SO41 9DN.

DEATHS

WATFORD - Gwen, Beloved wife of Richard Bebb and mother of Mark and Owen. Peacefully at The Princess Grace Hospital on February 6th. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium 12.30pm Friday February 11th. Flowers to James Crook, 289 Kilburn High Road NW6 7JR by 10.30am.

WEBBER - On 25th January 1994, Fiona Claire, dearly loved daughter of Thelma and Howard, beloved sister of Suzanne and Mark, dearest sister-in-law of Richard, adored aunt of Jamie and Robbie. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary and All Saints Church, Old Beaconsfield, at 1.30 pm on Thursday 10th February. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Special Baby Care Unit, Wycombe General Hospital, High Wycombe.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GARDNER - A Memorial Service for Raymond Gardner will take place at 12 noon on Tuesday 15th February 1994 at St Clement Danes Church, Strand WC2.

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OBITUARIES

JOSEPH COTTEN

Joseph Cotten, screen and theatre actor, died in Los Angeles on February 6 aged 88. He was born in Petersburg, Virginia, on May 15, 1905.



Joseph Cotten, as Uncle Charlie, with Teresa Wright in the 1943 Hitchcock thriller, *Shadow of a Doubt*

JOSEPH COTTEN started his Hollywood career well enough, as Orson Welles's most sceptical admirer and friend in *Citizen Kane*. But, with a few notable exceptions, he rarely subsequently lived up to this brilliant start or proved able to guide the direction of his meandering career. He had a tendency to deprecate his own talents and if he ever privately saw film-making as an art form, he never admitted as much in public. "We make a living out of acting and pray we don't get associated with too much junk," he was once reported to have said.

But with the right director behind him — Welles, Hitchcock, Carol Reed, King Vidor — there was much more to Cotten than the leather-faced romantic lead he mostly played in the 1940s. His screen persona, which remained much the same for forty years of film acting, was built upon the combination of decency and ineffectuality. In the two Welles films which established it, *Citizen Kane* (1941) and *The Magnificent Ambersons* (1942), it came across at its most attractive and honourable, although in both films Cotten's character ends on a note of failure. Vidor — in *Duel in the Sun* (1946) and *Beyond the Forest* (1949) — stressed the ineffectuality, as did Reed in *The Third Man* (1949). Only Hitchcock saw the way Cotten's handsome features could be made to slip into moroseness. He cast him as one of his most charming, perverse and monstrous villains in *Shadow of a Doubt* (1943).

The key to Cotten's limitations as an actor lay in his childhood. Joseph Cheshire Cotten was born a son of Virginia, then a famously sleepy part of the world. He never saw any advantage in doing things the hard way. The fact that he retained his soft, Southern drawl and was incapable of doing other dialects only seemed to help his career.

He studied drama at the Hickman School of Expression in Washington, where, to make ends meet, he also worked as a professional footballer and a paint salesman. Afterwards he sold space for *The Miami Herald*, and wrote occasional pieces of drama criticism for the paper. His first professional acting was for a small theatre in Miami, but his breakthrough came in 1930 when he was engaged by David Belasco as assistant stage manager and understudy for a few productions.

He moved to New York and appeared in *Jezebel* (1933), *Accent on Youth* (1935) and *The Postman Always Rings Twice* (1936). In 1937 he joined Orson Welles's Mercury Theatre, the company that gripped America with their radio version of *The War of The Worlds* in 1938. He left after two years to play the lead opposite Katharine Hepburn in *The Philadelphia Story* on Broadway.

Cotten's Hollywood debut came when Welles asked him to play his friend in *Citizen Kane*, a thinly-disguised biography of the newspaper tycoon William Randolph Hearst. Cotten was ironically cast as a drama critic. Though Welles never lived up to the promise that the film seemed to offer, it served as a very effective launch-pad for Cotten. They worked together again in *The Magnificent Ambersons* (1942), where Cotten was utterly convincing as the persevering admirer of Isabel (Dolores Costello) not quite acceptable to her fading, aristocratic family, and in *Journey into Fear*, the same year, as an engineer who becomes accidentally embroiled in some shady Middle Eastern plotting.

From Welles's influence, Cotten passed into the equally embracing hands of David O. Selznick, who signed him for a seven-year contract with his independent production company. His first loan-out, to Hitchcock for the part of Uncle Charlie in *Shadow of a Doubt* (1943), proved to be an inspired piece of casting. Just as it is impossible now to imagine *Psycho* without Anthony Perkins, so Cotten's performance as the murderer of rich widows, a mixture of charm and menace, was crucial to the film's success. Hitchcock was drawing Cotten away from the decent type he normally played (a fact underlined by the film's suggestion that his crimes were motivated by sex as much as profit). But Selznick insisted on seeing Cotten as a conventional romantic lead and for the next few years he was either carelessly loaned out or employed in the most orthodox parts opposite Jennifer Jones. He played the Scotland Yard detective in *Gaslight* (1944) and in the same year gave an attractive performance as an old family friend, still in love with Claudette Colbert, in *Since You Went Away*.

He teamed up with Ginger Rogers, in *I'll Be Seeing You* (1945) and starred opposite Jennifer Jones in *Love Letters* (1945). He was with her again in King Vidor's *Duel in the Sun* (1946) — playing her good but repressed brother opposite Gregory Peck's destructive one — and in *Portrait of Jennie* (1948), which won him the best actor award at the Venice Film Festival. In 1949 he made his second film for Hitchcock, *Under Capricorn*, again cast as a less likeable character, an ex-convict who makes a new life for himself in Australia with Ingrid Bergman. In the same year Cotten landed one of his best roles, in *The Third Man*, as the naive writer of hack Westerns looking for his friend Harry Lime in the ruins of Vienna. Carol Reed's adaptation of Graham Greene's thriller pitted Cotten's American decency against Welles's more charismatic European cynicism. The famous ending (after Welles's funeral, Alida Valli walks past Cotten, sitting by the side of the road, without turning her head) summed up everything ineffective about Cotten's character.

It was his last good film for some time. Now without Selznick, the offers were starting to dry up, and though Cotten had aged little in appearance, he was — at 45 — considered old, by Hollywood standards, to play romantic leads. He settled increasingly for portrayals of hen-pecked middle aged men: as Bette Davis's decent doctor husband in Vidor's *Beyond the Forest* (1949), singularly failing to appreciate any of her needs (when he remarks that they never go fishing enough, she caustically replies that he "never does *anything* enough").

The part of Marilyn Monroe's intended murder victim and smitten husband in *Niagara* was another good one, but generally the standard of films he took on in the 1950s — including such flops as *Special Delivery* (1955), *The Bottom of the Bottle* (1956) and *From the Earth to the Moon* (1958) — went downhill.

Cotten returned to Broadway with *Sabrina Fair* and *Once More With Feeling*, both successes, but his choice of parts on the screen looked increasingly erratic. He took on small parts in big films like *Hush Hush Sweet Charlotte* (1964) and *Petulia* (1968) and appeared in Italian westerns and Japanese productions. He was one of the few stars in *Tora Tora Tora!* (1970), and played a surgeon pursued by Vincent Price in *The Abominable Dr Phibes* (1971).

His fortunes temporarily improved with the futuristic thriller, *Soylent Green* (1973), and with the film version of Edward Albee's *A Delicate Balance* (1975) opposite Katharine Hepburn. They fell again with *Airport 77* (1977) and the appalling, and notoriously extravagant, western *Heaven's Gate* (1980). In television drama, he appeared in *Split Second to an Epitaph*, featuring Raymond Burr as Ironside (1968), and played General Marshall in the BBC's *Churchill and the Generals* 1979). Despite the poor quality of some of the productions with which he was later associated, he never wanted to stop working.

Fate intervened in 1981 when Cotten suffered from a massive stroke and lost his voice entirely. Speech therapy allowed him to talk again, but his acting career was over and in 1990 his larynx was removed altogether, after a recurrence of cancer. He turned to sculpting and writing during the 1980s, and published his autobiography, *Vanity Will Get You Somewhere*, in 1987.

Joseph Cotten is survived by his second wife, the British actress Patricia Medina, whom he married in 1960, after the death of his first wife, Lenore.

GENERAL SIR CHARLES RICHARDSON

General Sir Charles Richardson, GCB, CBE, DSO, member of the Army Board, 1965-71, and the deviser of the El Alamein deception plan, died yesterday aged 85. He was born on August 11, 1908.



Scientific soldier: Richardson examining military paint pigment under the microscope

ONE of the longer-serving members of the Army Board, Charles Richardson served first as Quartermaster-General and then as Master-General of Ordnance. Although he was too young to hold a major command in the Second World War, he provided much of the intellectual power of Montgomery's operational staff from the Battle of Alam Halfa in August 1942 until the German surrender on Lüneburg Heath in May 1945.

His greatest personal impact on the war was to devise the deception plan for the Battle of El Alamein which persuaded the Germans that the Eighth Army would attack later than it actually did, and in a different place. Later, as a brigadier responsible for planning on Montgomery's staff in northwest Europe, he was a tireless proponent of the concentrated thrust from the Seine through the Aachen gap into the Ruhr — as opposed to the American preference for the advance on a broad front which in fact took place.

Charles Leslie Richardson was from one of those military families in Northern Ireland who have contributed so many officers to the British Army. His uncle and father, Lieutenant-Colonel C. W. Richardson, RA, of Lurgan, County Down, had been, respectively, at Sandhurst and Woolwich. A scholar at Wellington, Richardson junior entered Woolwich, where he won both the Sword of Honour and the King's Medal. In 1928 he was commissioned into the Royal Engineers and went to Clare College, Cambridge, before going out to India to join the Bombay Sappers and Miners. His time in India is delightfully described in his autobiography, *Flashback* (1985), which is also a personal account of the inner workings of Montgomery's headquarters.

Cynics often say that there are real engineers and Royal Engineers, the latter being better soldiers than engineers. Charles Richardson was both. At Cambridge he had taken a First in the Mechanical Sciences Tripos and had seven years practical engineering experience on the North-West Frontier to back it.

Soon after war broke out Richardson went to France as Adjutant, 1st Corps Engineers. There he was in charge of organising the line of pillboxes and anti-tank defences on the British Expeditionary Force's sector of the Franco-Belgian frontier. After three months he was brought back to the Staff College, Camberley, but got through his course in time to be returned to France in May 1940 at the outset of the German Blitzkrieg.

As deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster General of the 4th Division he took part in BEF's advance into Belgium to link up with the Belgian Army on the line of the River Dyle. Then, as the magnitude of the disaster to the French armies to the south became apparent, and advance turned into near-rout, he was involved in the withdrawal to, and evacuation from, Dunkirk.

After a period in England he then did a year as an instructor at the Staff College, Haifa, before joining Special Operations Executive in Cairo. There he directed clandestine operations throughout the Middle East.

Richardson's career at Eighth Army Headquarters started in the chaos of the withdrawal to El Alamein after the British defeat in the battles of Gazala in June 1942, when he took over as GSO 1 (Plans) to General Auchinleck. He was one of the very few officers serving under Auchinleck who survived Montgomery's purges of his predecessor's staff when he assumed command in August that year. He became one of the three officers, with David Belchem (Operations) and Bill Williams (Intelligence), who were to form Monty's trusted executive staff under Freddie de Guingand.

The deception plan for the October offensive at El Alamein was brilliant in concept and highly successful in execution. It was aimed to persuade Rommel that Montgomery could not attack before mid-November, and would then do so in the southern sector as Rommel himself had done at Alam Halfa. Richardson suggested a false timing by constructing a dummy water pipeline towards the southern sector at a pace that would indicate to the German air-photographic interpreters a completion date in November. Meanwhile, a judicious series of camouflage "lapses" created the illusion of a carefully disguised concentration of troops in the south. Bogus radio traffic and the use of rumour in Cairo heightened the deception. In the event, Rommel was on leave in Germany when Montgomery attacked on October 23, and the bulk of the Afrika Korps was watching the southern sector.

Richardson stayed GSO 1 (Plans) until the end of operations in Sicily; and then he had a spell as British Deputy Chief of Staff in General Mark Clark's Fifth Army Headquarters for the Salerno landings and the advance to Cassino. He returned to Montgomery as his BGS (Plans) for Overlord in April 1944.

In 21st Army Group Richardson's task was to be several mental steps ahead of Montgomery, exploring the probable outcome of operations and advising anticipatory action. At one point, early in the Normandy invasion, he became Monty's representative at the Air Headquarters at Stanmore when relations between the Army and the air planners were in disarray. And it was he who did most of the planning for operations after the break-out from Normandy which led to the bitter controversy with Eisenhower over whether to try to end the war quickly with a thrust into the heart of Germany as Montgomery advocated, or to use the broad front strategy favoured by the American commanders. He always regarded Eisenhower's assumption of tactical command in September 1944 as a disaster which prolonged the war.

With the war over Richardson, like many other successful regular officers, had to mark time. His steps towards the Army Board were: Commandant, Royal Military College of Science, 1955-58; Commander, Singapore District, 1958-60; Director of Combat Development, 1960-61; Director-General of Military Training, 1961-63; and GOC-in-C, Northern Command, 1963-65.

As Quartermaster-General (1965-68) during the turbulent years of the Healey Defence Reviews, he was faced with the major logistic problems of the withdrawal from East of Suez, and of the redeployment of the Army in the United Kingdom and Europe. However, his most outstanding service to the country lay in the drive he applied to Army equipment policy in his last appointment as Master-General of Ordnance (1968-71). He began the development of whole families of weapon systems for the re-equipment of the Army in the 1980s and 1990s.

Charles Richardson will always be remembered for his puckish sense of humour, which tended to mask his ruthless determination to get things done. He joined ICL as military consultant when he retired; and also spent much of his time looking after the regimental affairs of his corps as Chief Royal Engineer. His work was particularly appreciated by the veterans of the Royal Engineer Association.

In his later years he turned to writing. After *Flashback* he published *Send for Freddie* (1987), a biography of his wartime boss, General Sir Francis de Guingand. *From Churchill's Secret Circle to the BBC*, a biography of General Sir Ian Jacob appeared in 1991. Besides illuminating his period on Monty's command team, the autobiographical *Flashback* ranged over early SOE operations in the Mediterranean and handling the Russians in Berlin after the war, as well as recalling the dire days of Dunkirk. Its concluding paragraph sums up the philosophy that supported Richardson throughout a long military career: "Now, at the age of 77 I ask myself what sustained us nearly fifty years ago in those terrible times of impotence and disaster. I believe it was the conviction that the British Army would, in the end, prove superior to the Wehrmacht, not because of a greater talent for killing, but for qualities that lay much deeper: its long tradition of civilised duty, of *incorruptibility and self sacrifice . . .*"

Charles Richardson married in 1947, Audrey Styles, daughter of Captain C. R. E. Jorgensen, and is survived by her, a son, a daughter and a step-daughter.

ANATOLY ALEXANDROV

Anatoly Alexandrov, the scientist who led the Soviet effort to develop Chernobyl-type nuclear reactors, died on February 3 aged 90.

REGARDED by his colleagues as a brilliant scientist and organiser, Anatoly Alexandrov, who supervised the Soviet nuclear power engineering programme, was deeply affected by the Chernobyl disaster which killed at least 32 people and caused widespread radioactive contamination. He had been an advocate of the use of such graphite-moderated reactors which, Western scientists maintain, do not meet international safety standards.

During the Second World War he had devised for the Soviet navy a method of demagnetizing naval vessels to protect them from mines — similar to the "de-gaussing" technique used by Western navies. Later he was instrumental in developing the Soviet nuclear-powered submarine and surface fleets.

He had been head of the Kurchatov Institute, Russia's prime nuclear research centre, since 1959.

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60 YEARS OF HETTY KING

LAST OF THE MUSIC-HALL'S GREAT MALE IMPERSONATORS

The male impersonator was one of the staple figures of that vanished music-hall which it has become a kind of privilege to lament, since at least we were in time to enjoy it at, or soon after, its heyday. To-day, indeed, some place is still found, in what are vaguely known as touring revues, for its opposite, the female impersonator, but male impersonation as a *genre* would seem at the moment to have no future. The girl in trousers has become commonplace, and if the younger generation wish to have even a glimpse of what she meant long ago to their elders when they were young, there is only, perhaps, Miss Hetty King left to give it them.

All the nice girls love a sailor,
All the nice girls love a tar,
For there's something about a sailor:
Well, you know what sailors are!

Ship Ahoy! is as much a part of English lyric lore as *Tipperary*, or *Sally in Our Alley*, or *Rule, Britannia*. It appears as permanent and ageless: there never was a time we did not know it. It might seem remarkable, then, merely to meet the artist who first sang the song. But it is astonishing that that artist should still be performing it, and above all that she should be Miss Hetty King, whose undiminished gifts — her impeccable technique and irresistible vitality — are hard to equal on the stage, even to-day.

Hetty King's inextinguishable glamour and finesse are perhaps characteristic of the theatre which produced her: for she comes from that great period of the music-hall, when — about the turn of the century — it achieved a sophistication it knew at no other time. She appeared at the London Shoreditch, in 1891, and made her first appearance in the West End at the Old Mo — where the Winter Garden Theatre is now — her contemporaries including Dan Leno and Marie Lloyd, Robey, Lauder, Chevalier, Elen, Cinquevalli, and, of course, her wonderful rivals in the delicate art of male impersonation, Vesta Tilley and Ella Shields . . .

Each character is different: and every bit of business emphasizes its individuality. Hetty King's act is full of "business," but it is never for a moment either fussy or extraneous. It is all built round the simplest props — a kit-bag, a pipe, cigars and matches (four matches provide her with four completely different bits of business in the course of her act): and is inextricably tied to the words of her song. The unostentatious perfection of her pantomime is such that merely lighting a pipe almost invariably earns her a round of applause. And the sailor whose confidences keep interrupting his pipe-lighting, until the match burns down to his fingertips, has the audience in suspense as teasing as Grand Guignol. For Miss King's command of her audience is complete . . .

But it is in the exquisite polish of all that she does that Hetty King is pre-eminent. Everything is practised, tried, timed and finished. Hetty King is much more than a vital survival of a particularly brilliant period of the music-hall. She is a glowing example of theatrical craftsmanship and of the authority of an artist.

ON THIS DAY

February 8 1957

Hetty King, one of the great artists of the Edwardian music-hall, died at the age of 89 in 1972.

THE TIMES TODAY

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8 1994

NEWS

Europe edges towards intervention

■ European foreign ministers edged towards military intervention in Bosnia-Herzegovina yesterday when they backed the use of air power to try to break the siege of Sarajevo.

The move came after John Major had called for "immediate, effective and more muscular action" to end the bombardment of the city. A decision on whether to use force now lies with Nato ..... **Pages 1, 14, 18 and 19**

Mystery surrounds death of Tory MP

■ Westminster was shocked last night by the death in mysterious circumstances of the Conservative MP Stephen Milligan, 45. The MP for Eastleigh Hampshire was found dead at his home in Chiswick, west London. There was no sign of forced entry to the flat or immediate indications of the cause ..... **Pages 1 and 3**

Shares plummet

Shares fell sharply in London and other financial centres in reaction to the rise in American interest rates signalled at the end of last week ..... **Page 1**

Maxwell musical ban

A High Court judge has granted an injunction banning *Maxwell: the Musical* two weeks before its West End opening ..... **Page 1**

Surgery blunder

Thirty women sterilised by a locum surgeon risk becoming pregnant after he botched one operation ..... **Page 1**

Arms and aid link

A British arms deal with Malaysia was linked to aid which was used to finance the controversial Pergau dam project, according to a senior diplomat ..... **Page 2**

Ram rescue

The wife of a security van driver was kidnapped by thieves who were only foiled when her husband rammed their car .... **Page 3**

Search for gifted

Primary schools have been urged to identify gifted children as young as five in a government drive to challenge outstanding pupils ..... **Page 7**

Errors led to death

Fundamental errors of judgment by social workers led to the murder of three-year-old Leanne White by her stepfather, a report has concluded ..... **Page 5**

Nuclear smuggling

A leaked German secret service report shows how nuclear material is being smuggled from Eastern Europe and identifies customers including two extremist Islamic fundamentalist groups ..... **Page 12**

Driver crackdown

New drivers convicted during their first two years may have their licence withdrawn and have to retake a tougher test under new measures ..... **Page 9**

Lamont warning

Norman Lamont will return to the political limelight next week with a warning to John Major not to take Britain back into the ERM ..... **Page 11**

Suicide doubts

There is growing suspicion that Vincent Foster, close friend of the Clintons, may not have committed suicide last July, as is officially claimed ..... **Page 13**

French left revives

The hopes of the demoralised French left have been fanned into fragile life with two by-election victories and a belief that the prime minister, may have surrendered too often ..... **Page 14**

Azerbaijan oil deal

President Aliyev of Azerbaijan says an agreement for Western oil companies to develop the country's rich off-shore fields could be achieved in weeks ..... **Page 15**

Russians taste chocolate revolution

■ Western confectionery is the foreign commodity that has made the deepest penetration in the Russian market and the victims of this sweet revolution have been traditional brands with ideologically sound names such as Glory and Inspiration. Opponents of reform in the Duma lambast the "Snickerisation" of the country ..... **Page 12**



Korean speed skaters training yesterday in Hamar, Norway, in preparation for the Winter Olympics which begin on Saturday. **Page 42**

BUSINESS

Markets: Shares on the London stock market fell sharply in response to Friday's decision by America to raise short-term interest rates. The FT-SE 100 fell 56.3 points to close at 3419.1. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 81.7 to 82.0 after a fall from $1.4924 to $1.4809 but a rise from DM2.5904 to DM2.6104 ..... **Page 23 and 26**

Lloyd's: Hopes of a strong recovery in Lloyd's of London's fortunes are likely to be dashed by predictions from Chatset ..... **Page 23**

Political clash: Rank Organisation faces an embarrassing clash with private investors ..... **Page 23**

SPORT

Rugby union: Don Rutherford, technical dierector, has called for a select panel of referees for leading international matches but has found little support ..... **Page 44**

Athletics: Eamonn Martin, who will defend his NutraSweet London Marathon title on April 17, will face tough opposition say the race organisers ..... **Page 40**

Snooker: Neal Foulds, successful in only two matches this season, surprisingly beat John Parrott, the world No 2, 5-3 in the second round of the Benson and Hedges Masters tournament at Wembley Conference Centre ..... **Page 40**

FEATURES

Badly judged: What happened to the Young Conservatives' reputation for being keen, mean and dangerous to know? Alice Thomson reports ..... **Page 16**

Uphill struggle: Just as the technology and immuno-suppressant drugs for transplants are improving, the supply of donors is decreasing ..... **Page 17**

ART

Fierce fight: If the embattled Lloyd's members reject the £1 billion offered, they face paying their own compensation ..... **Page 33**

ARTS

Jarman's last film: At the Rotterdam Film Festival, Derek Jarman's *Glitterbug* has been premiered: it is a "visual diary" covering 15 years of his life ..... **Page 39**

Sheridan's defence: "The spine of the story is true and responsible," says Jim Sheridan, of his much-criticised Guildford Four film, *In the Name of the Father*. "We actually went easy on the judiciary" ..... **Page 39**

Freud in New York: After years of neglect, the painter Lucian Freud now finds himself the talk of Manhattan, as a large exhibition of his work is mounted ..... **Page 37**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Sue Thomson, one of 100 female police officers in Britain qualified to use a gun, has learned to ignore sexist remarks when she trains others
Page 8



Cas Human, an Afrikaner farmer, is the ANC's surprise choice to spearhead its election campaign in part of the Orange Free State
Page 15



Francis Lee's new regime at Manchester City began with smiles all round and promises of solidarity after the first board meeting
Page 40

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Ignoring the Supermac legacy

■ Alastair Horne, biographer of Harold Macmillan, wonders why the Tory Party want to forget his legacy

Is there a conspiracy?

■ Roger Graef asks if journalists and broadcasters are conspiring with the spin-doctors to obscure important issues

New uses for old churches

■ Can a priceless architectural heritage be preserved when the Church of England announces that it has no further use for some of its oldest and most beautiful buildings?

TV LISTINGS

Black Americans hoping to become Second World War pilots were told that they were mentally inferior. *Network First: Nightfighters* (ITV, 10.40pm) ..... **Page 43**

OPINION

D-Day for Bosnia

The "immediate and effective action" for which John Major has called must include the use of military power ..... **Page 19**

Lesson from the Fed

Narrow minded inflation-fighters at the Bundesbank, the Banque de France and the Bank of England must not use the increase in American interest rates as their latest excuse for delaying further cuts in interest rates ..... **Page 19**

An unfair cop

Nearly two decades after equal opportunities were enshrined in law, female officers still make up just 13 per cent of Britain's police forces ..... **Page 19**

COLUMNS

EDWARD HEATH

There are only two possible outcomes to military intervention in Bosnia. The first is that it fails and has to be abandoned. The second is that it has to be reinforced on the ground until it becomes a full-scale war ..... **Page 18**

BERNARD LEVIN

Even if Tiny Rowland and the Fayeds remain blood-brothers to the end of their lives, there remains a gigantic residue of Lonrhitude and an equal quantity of Fayednessxx ..... **Page 18**

OBITUARIES

Joseph Cotten, American screen and stage actor; General Sir Charles Richardson, Member of the Army Board ..... **Page 21**

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Appeals for peace between Catholics and Anglicans ..... **Page 19**

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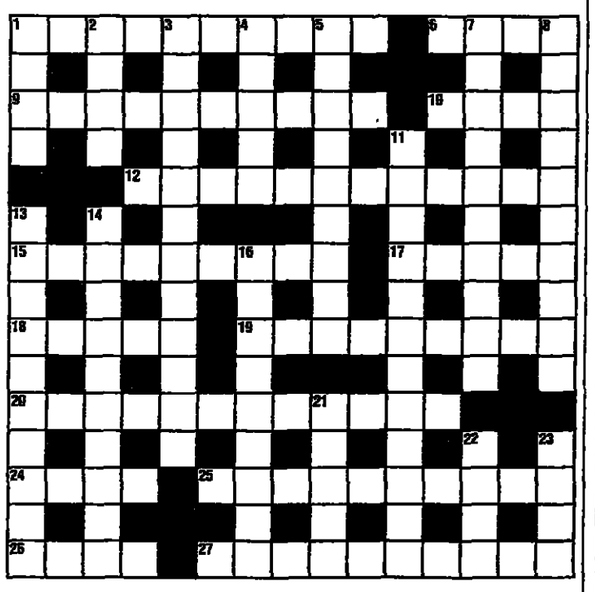
After the latest slaughter in Sarajevo, nothing would be worse for the credibility of the West than an angry outburst without any following action

— Le Monde

With no follow-up strategy, Serb blockbuster mortars will be back

— USA Today

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,460



ACROSS

1 One might take flight, being hagridden (10).
6 Keep quiet — it's semi-confidential (4).
9 Rose's thing is making lace (10).
10 Complain bitterly about Matilda or Billy here (4).
12 Copper failed to get transfer to first-choice position (5,2,5).
15 Sportsman who plots to reach the goal (9).
17 It occurs in the midst of our Biblical span (5).
18 Solemn warning from king to his favourite (5).
19 View lad at work, naturally very destructive (5,4).
20 Press for the *Kingdom* to keep *United* at the front (6,6).

Solution to Puzzle No 19.459

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ACROSS (continued)

24 Uncivilised person — American — leaves New York City (4).
25 Labour very punctiliously prepare for governing (4,2,4).
26 He was bound to sound like a swell (4).
27 Dauphin's gift to Henry served to make a point (6-4).

DOWN

1 Chest fracture (4).
2 An empty honour, blow it (4).
3 Thin rain coursed over roof, to ruin rendering (12).
4 In clothes not at first well-worn (5).
5 Notes about travelling were carried round side of hill (9).
7 For handling bills, there's only one place in such a system (10).
8 Arthropods busy in the fields? (10).
11 Names of mountains, we are told (12).
13 Very old music for Toplady's hymn? (4,2,4).
14 Send message to ship for tool (4-6).
16 Cut tree once — damage caused round top of trunk (9).
21 Representative item to recognise in Scotland (5).
22 The French range through Scottish island (4).
23 Sportsman's strip (4).

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, and Guernsey, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Inverbervie, Grampian, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Bournemouth, 0.54in; highest sunshine: Norwich and Clacton, Essex, 7.8hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales should be dry and bright after a frosty start. Rain is likely to push into western parts in the morning and all but East Anglia and the extreme southeast by evening.

Clearer, showery weather will follow on into the west.

Scotland and Northern Ireland, although dry at first, will become wet and windy. The rain will turn more showery over Northern Ireland later. After a chilly start, temperatures will pick up to near average.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia:** Frosty start, mainly dry and bright, rain after dark. Wind southerly, moderate to fresh. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **E, NE, Central S and central N England, E and W Midlands, Channel Isles, Borders:** Frosty start, dry in morning, wet in afternoon, drier after dark. Wind south, becoming westerly, moderate to fresh. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **SW and NW England, S and N Wales, Lake District, IoM, SW Scotland, N Ireland:** Rain in morning, brighter with showers in afternoon. Wind southwesterly, fresh, locally strong, becoming westerly. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland, Argyll:** Cloudy, becoming wet. Wind southerly, moderate to fresh, becoming strong to gale later. Max 6C (44F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** Showery. Wind southerly, becoming southeasterly, fresh. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Outlook:** Unsettled with showers or longer periods of rain.

AROUND BRITAIN

MIDDAY t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dust; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.15	5	41	r	Liverpool	0.4	0.02	7	45	r
Anglesey	5.9	0.16	9	48	s	London	5.5	-	10	50	s
Aspatria	3.5	0.07	8	46	b	Lowestoft	7.0	-	7	45	s
Aviemore	1.9	-	6	43	sh	Manchester	-	0.04	7	45	r
Belfast	6.5	0.08	7	45	s	Margate	X	-	9	48	b
Birmingham	0.4	0.15	7	45	r	Minehead	X	0.11	10	50	r
Bognor R	3.0	0.18	10	50	r	Morecambe	0.1	0.05	8	46	sh
Bournem'th	0.2	0.54	10	50	r	Newcastle	X				
Bristol	0.4	0.16	9	48	r	Newquay	X				
Buxton	-	0.20	6	43	r	Norwich	7.8	0.01	9	48	s
Cardiff	-	0.09	8	46	sh	Nottingham	1.6	0.09	7	45	r
Clacton	7.8	-	8	46	s	Penzance	4.7	0.36	10	50	s
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	-	0.22	9	48	r
Colwyn Bay	3.7	0.13	11	52	sh	Poole	-	0.41	9	48	r
Cromer	6.7	-	9	48	s	Ross-o-wye	0.2	0.07	9	48	sh
Dunbar	X					Ryde	X				
Eastbourne	7.4	-	9	48	s	Salcombe	X				
Edinburgh	2.9	-	8	46	b	Sandown	1.4	0.30	9	48	r
Eskdalemuir	-	0.27	5	41	r	Scarboro'	3.7	-	7	45	c
Exmouth	-	0.26	9	48	r	Scilly Isles	X				
Falmouth	X	0.11	10	50	sh	Shanklin	1.4	0.26	9	48	r
Folkestone	7.7	-	9	48	s	Skegness	6.2	-	9	48	s
Glasgow	4.0	0.09	8	46	r	Southend	6.7	-	9	48	s
Guernsey	-	0.39	11	52	r	Southport	-	-	6	43	c
Hastings	7.1	-	9	48	s	Southsea	1.4	0.32	9	48	r
Hayling I.	X					Stornoway	4.1	0.05	7	45	s
Herne Bay	6.3	-	9	48	s	Swanage	-	0.41	10	50	r
Hove	3.5	0.04	9	48	s	Teignmouth	X	0.30	9	48	r
Hunstanton	6.9	-	7	45	s	Tenby	2.7	0.20	9	48	b
Isle of Man	6.0	0.11	9	48	s	Tiree	5.4	0.07	7	45	s
Jersey	0.8	0.13	10	50	r	Torquay	-	0.32	9	48	sh
Kinloss	2.5	-	9	48	b	Tynemouth	0.3	-	6	43	c
Leeds	-	0.07	7	45	r	Ventnor	1.6	0.14	10	50	r
Lerwick	-	0.14	5	41	c	West-o-mare	-	0.29	8	46	sh
Lauchars	1.0	0.07	8	43	r	Weymouth	0.2	0.30	9	48	r
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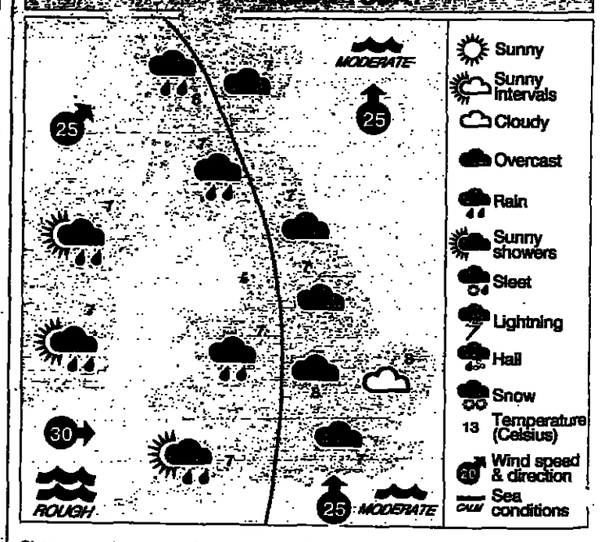
ABROAD

Ajaccio	14	57	s	Cpnhagn	0	32	sn	Madrid	10	50	c
Alicante	17	63	f	Corfu	13	55	f	Majorca	15	59	s
Algarve	16	61	f	Dublin	4	39	c	Malaga	16	61	f
Algiers	16	61	f	Dubrovnik	15	59	f	Malta	12	54	f
Amst'dm	5	41	c	Faro	15	59	s	Melb'rne	21	70	f
Athens	14	57	f	Florence	14	57	s	Miami	26	79	f
Bahrain	18	64	s	Frankfurt	5	41	c	Milan	9	48	r
Bangkok	32	90	f	Funchal	18	64	c	Montreal	-11	12	s
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	6	43	c	Moscow	-14	7	s
Barcelona	12	54	s	Gibraltar	14	57	c	Munich	5	41	c
Beirut	19	66	s	Helsinki	-13	9	s	Nairobi	29	84	s
Belgrade	10	50	f	Hong K	30	86	c	Naples	13	55	f
Berlin	3	37	c	Innsbruck	5	41	c	N Delhi	23	73	s
Bermuda	23	73	f	Istanbul	9	48	f	N York	4	39	s
Biarritz	7	45	r	Jeddah	32	90	s	Nice	15	59	s
Borda'x	10	50	f	Jo'burg	20	68	f	Oslo	-6	21	c
Brussels	7	45	s	Karachi	24	75	f	Paris	5	41	r
Budapest	11	52	f	L Palmas	19	66	c	Peking	9	48	s
B Aires	23	73	s	Le Touqt	7	45	f	Perth	33	73	c
Cairo	21	70	s	Lisbon	13	55	c	Prague	2	36	c
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Locarno	6	43	r	Reykjavik	4	39	f
Chicago	1	34	s	L Angels	14	57	c	Rhodes	12	54	f
Ch'church	19	66	s	Luxembg	1	34	fg	Rio de J	32	90	f
Cologne	8	43	s	Luxor	27	81	s	Riyadh	19	66	s

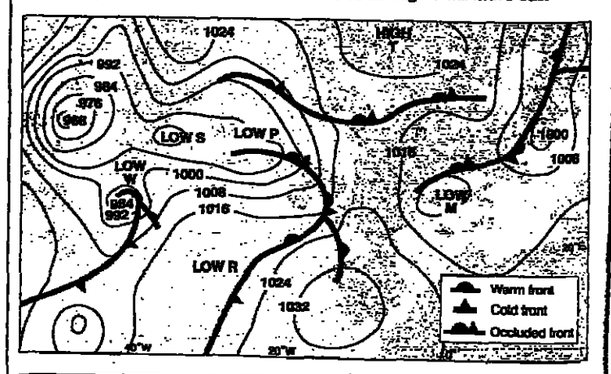
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Sydney	30	86	f
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Tokyo	13	55	s
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Tunis	14	57	c
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Aberdeen	11.51	4.03	—	—	Lowestoft	8.04	2.32	8.03	2.39
Avonmouth	5.23	11.82	5.55	12.00	Margate	10.36	4.30	10.52	4.36
Belfast	9.23	3.32	9.54	3.25	Milford Haven	4.31	6.30	4.59	6.27
Cardiff	5.08	10.96	5.40	11.14	Newquay	3.25	6.30	3.52	6.30
Devonport	3.54	4.90	4.27	4.90	Oban	4.22	3.60	4.56	3.40
Dover	9.29	5.96	9.55	6.11	Penzance	2.57	4.90	3.28	4.86
Falmouth	3.24	4.70	3.57	4.70	Portland	4.59	1.80	5.28	1.70
Glasgow	11.25	4.70	11.56	4.40	Portsmouth	9.36	4.40	10.16	4.50
Harwich	10.12	3.99	10.35	3.85	Shoreham	9.41	5.86	10.12	5.88
Holyhead	8.47	5.19	9.19	5.10	Southampton	9.17	4.24	9.55	4.36
Hull	4.42	6.62	4.56	6.90	Swansea	4.31	8.56	5.02	8.63
Ilfracombe	4.17	8.29	4.46	8.31	Tees	2.02	4.74	2.19	4.91
King's Lynn	4.51	5.80	5.01	6.00	Tilbury	12.50	5.03	1.06	5.14
Leith	12.50	5.03	1.06	5.14	Wilton-on-Nze	10.07	3.86	10.31	3.85

SUN AND MOON

Sun rises: 7.28 am
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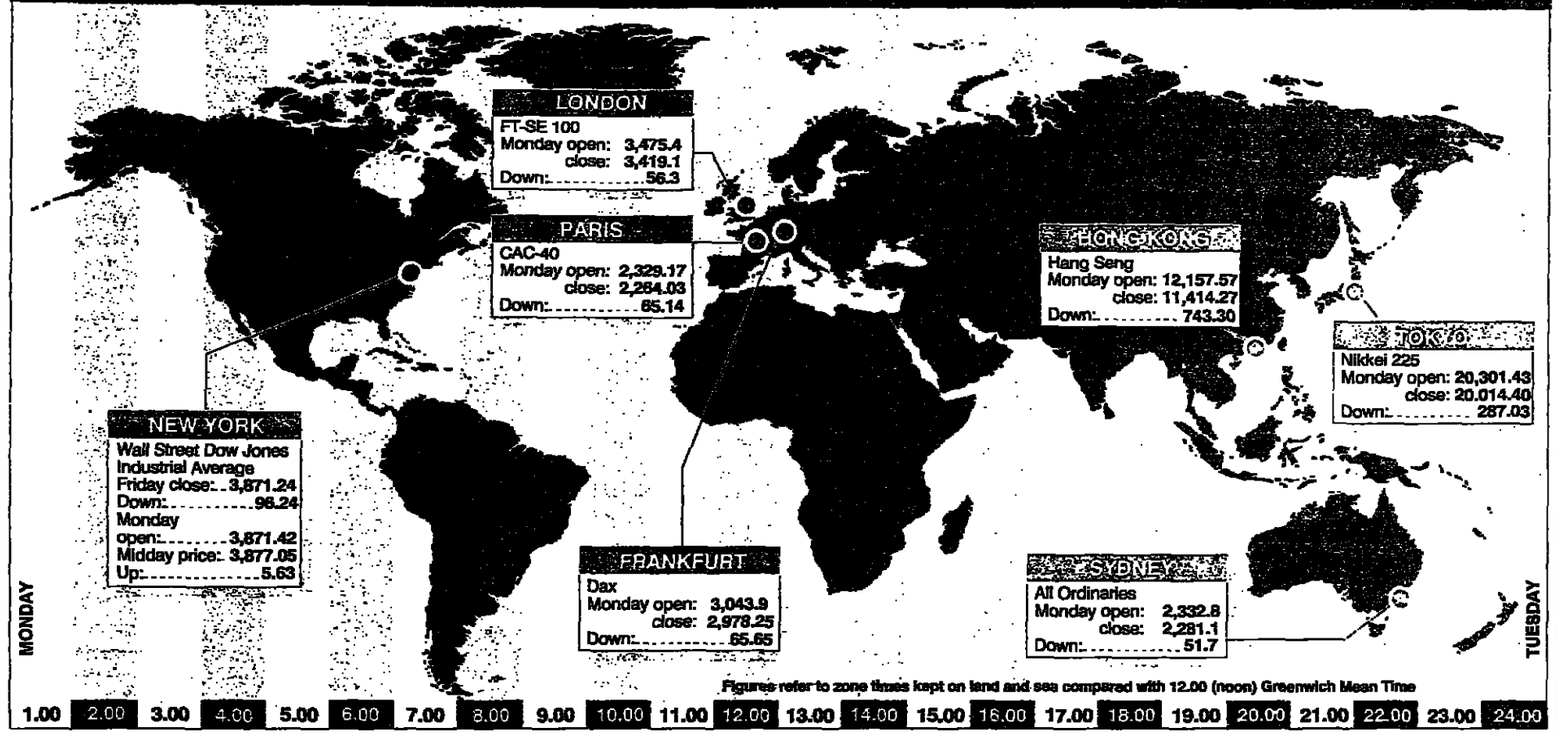
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STOCK MARKETS TAKE FRIGHT ACROSS THE WORLD



More than £14bn wiped off shares

BY MICHAEL CLARK AND PHILIP PANGALOS

SHARE prices and government bonds on the London stock market fell sharply in response to Friday's decision by the Federal Reserve Board to raise short-term interest rates in America.

More than £14 billion was wiped from Britain's publicly quoted companies in a day of nervous and volatile trading as London followed other markets lower. The FT-SE 100 index ended the session 56.3 points down at 3,419.1, having been almost 100 points lower at one stage as market-makers anxiously awaited the start of trading in New York.

In the face of stock market jitters, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, has, if anything, become more upbeat on prospects for the economy. In an interview in *Le Figaro*, the French newspaper, today, Mr Clarke says tax increases will not hold back recovery and growth could be higher than he predicted at the time of the Budget. "My forecast, made last November, of growth at 2.5 per cent this year seems to be more and more modest."

He says tax increases may hold back household consumption, but not the economy as a whole. His comments suggest that he would favour a recovery in which exports and investment played a larger part, rather than one dependent on consumption, and is prepared to see consumption reined back.

News of the Fed's move and a subsequent 96-point plunge in the Dow Jones industrial average came too late to affect the London market on Friday. The shock waves of dearer money in the US were also felt in both Hong Kong and Tokyo, where share prices beat a ragged retreat.

Market-makers in London moved quickly to counter any sell-off by marking prices down from the outset. But the threatened sell-off never came and, by the close of business, 894 million shares had changed hands, well down on the billion-plus turnover achieved almost daily in the past few weeks.

At the low-point of the day, £22 billion had been wiped off share values, the biggest cash write-off, in cash terms, since the 1987 crash.

Government bonds suffered falls of more than £1 at one stage. By the time trading got under way in London, most of Europe's major bond markets had recorded hefty losses.

On the futures market, the March series of the long gilt dropped by more than £1, touching £116 before rallying to close £⅜ lower, at £116½. Trading was hectic, with 112,000 contracts completed. The short end of the cash market bore the brunt of the losses, with losses of about £⅝. Last night, gilt dealers were claiming that the market was over the worst and that the next couple of days should see conditions stabilise.

Brokers on the equity market also expressed satisfaction, pointing out that shares had begun to look expensive and selling pressure had been easily contained. Many brokers felt the shakeout had given investors an ideal buying opportunity.

Robert Buckland, equity strategist at NatWest Securities, said: "The message we gave to our clients ... was 'don't panic'. The more the market fell, the better ... We view this as an opportunity to buy."

Trevor Laugharne, an equity strategist at Kleinwort Benson, said: "We've been waiting for a tightening of US monetary policy for a long time ... there is scope for another half-point base rate cut."

Chris Chaitow, technical analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, said the fall in London was not unexpected and longer-term prospects were positive. "The market was ready for a three-week correction."

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ROBIN MAYES



A sea of red confronting dealers in London yesterday

Cahill to receive about £10m for two years at BAe

BY ROSS TIEMAN AND PATRICIA TEHAN

JOHN Cahill is set to be some *£10 million better off for just* two years' work when he stands down as chairman of British Aerospace in April.

He is understood to be in line to realise a profit of about £9 million on his share options, as well as receive a £1.5 million compensation payout.

Mr Cahill is expected to announce his intention to depart next week in the wake of disagreements with Dick Evans, BAe chief executive, and Richard Lapthorne, finance director, about his leadership style. The former boss of the BTR conglomerate was hired in April 1992 to restructure BAe after it was forced to make an emergency rights issue the previous autumn. Now, with most of the defence company's most pressing problems solved, he apparently feels his work there is complete. Terms for his departure, at the age of 65, are understood to have been largely settled yesterday.

In addition to his five-year, £540,000-a-year contract, Mr Cahill was apparently given the option to buy BAe shares worth £2.2 million at prices prevailing in September 1992 — about 113p. Last night, they closed at 575p, offering a notional profit, before dealing costs, of £9.25 million.

During the same period, the market value of BAe has risen from £427 million to £2.17 billion; a rise partly attributable to the restructuring achieved during Mr Cahill's chairmanship. *Throughout* his time at BAe, Mr Cahill retained an independent management style, preferring *when possible to work from* his home in the US.

Last week's £800 million sale of Rover to BMW, negotiated by Mr Evans and his deputy George Simpson, appears to have brought the strains to a head. The departure of Mr Cahill is expected to clear the way for further deals, including the sale of Arlington's retail property interests and, ultimately, formation of a joint venture defence company with GEC's Marconi subsidiary to create the world's No.2 defence group after Martin Marietta of the US.

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Rank to debate party funding

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

RANK Organisation faces a potentially embarrassing clash with private investors later this month after deciding to seek renewal of directors' permission to make political payments out of shareholders' funds.

The leisure group, which has paid £25,000 to the Conservative party in each of the past two financial years, is raising the matter at its annual meeting on February 23.

Rank has no legal requirement to seek shareholders' sanction for the power to make political payments. Sources close to the company said given that opposition had come from investors at previous meetings, Rank had decided to seek a restatement of what was already within its directors' gift.

The power to make unspecified and theoretically unlimited payments to any political party was initially granted by shareholders in 1986. Since then, the board has been challenged on this regularly by shareholders — at last February's annual meeting, several investors objected to the previous year's payment.

The company would not comment on suggestions that the contribution to Conservative funds might be increased this year or subsequently if the Government's future looked in peril, insisting that no decision on the level of payments had yet been taken.

Rank says the decision to reconfirm the directors' power to make payments to political funds was taken on democratic grounds. A spokesman added: "I don't know what to expect from the shareholders this year. Every agm is different — there are always views expressed for and against."

Political contributions are currently under consideration by the Home Affairs Select Committee at Westminster.

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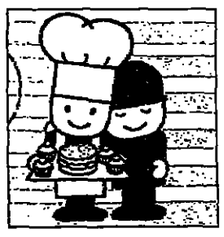


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Chatset sees no revival in Lloyd's fortunes

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

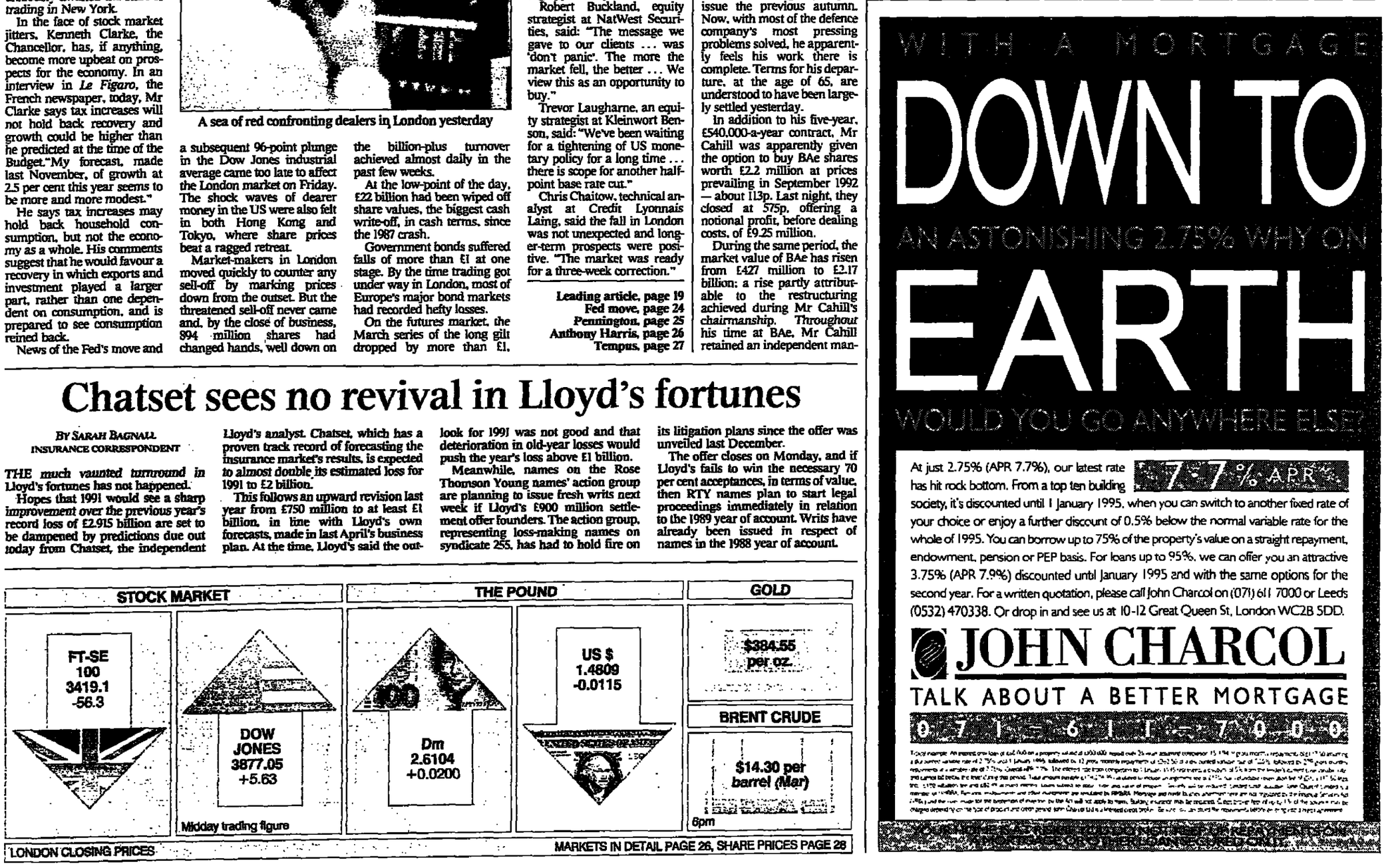
THE much vaunted turnround in Lloyd's fortunes has not happened.

Hopes that 1991 would see a sharp *improvement over the previous year's* record loss of £2.915 billion are set to be dampened by predictions due out today from Chatset, the independent Lloyd's analyst. Chatset, which has a proven track record of forecasting the insurance market's results, is expected to almost double its estimated loss for 1991 to £2 billion.

This follows an upward revision last year from £750 million to at least £1 billion, in line with Lloyd's own forecasts, made in last April's business plan. At the time, Lloyd's said the outlook for 1991 was not good and that deterioration in old-year losses would push the year's loss above £1 billion.

Meanwhile, names on the Rose Thomson Young names' action group are planning to issue fresh writs next week if Lloyd's £900 million settlement offer founders. The action group, representing loss-making names on syndicate 255, has had to hold fire on its litigation plans since the offer was unveiled last December.

The offer closes on Monday, and if Lloyd's fails to win the necessary 70 per cent acceptances, in terms of value, then RTY names plan to start legal proceedings immediately in relation to the 1989 year of account. Writs have already been issued in respect of names in the 1988 year of account.



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Fed move has little impact on UK rate cut hopes

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE US Federal Reserve's decision to launch a pre-emptive strike against inflation should have very little impact on the arguments for and against another cut in UK rates.

Turmoil in financial markets in London and continental Europe yesterday after the Fed's decision to edge its Federal Funds rate up to 3¼ per cent from 3 per cent had little rational basis though psychology, played a part. The Fed move simply reminded investors that interest rates can go up as well as down.

There are many reasons why investors in Britain should not be alarmed. First, Britain is at an earlier stage in its economic cycle: about a year behind the US. It is yet to enter its third year of recovery and, more than that, faces serious questions of whether that recovery can be sustained in the face of unprecedented tax rises over the next two years.

Second, the outlook for British interest rates hinges far more closely on what happens with European rates rather than US ones. Analysts yesterday said the Fed move probably will make little difference to the Bundesbank's attitude towards monetary policy, unless the mark were to continue to fall sharply against the dollar — deemed unlikely.

Alison Cottrell, senior European economist at Midland Global Markets, believes the mark is unlikely to come under persistent pressure against the dollar and the outcome of wage talks with the IG Metall engineering union are more important to the Bundesbank on rates. In Britain, despite the Fed's move, there is a large body of opinion in favour of rate cuts: the only question is timing.

The compelling argument for further cuts from the current 5.5 per cent base rate is that, without them, the recovery could falter over tax rises. But this judgment is very difficult at this stage because no-one knows how consumers will react to them.

The other argument for rate cuts is that a strongly appreciating pound would erode export competitiveness when European markets are hostile because of recession. The Fed's interest rate move has only limited relevance here. Sterling's first reaction has been to strengthen against the mark and fall against the dollar. Its trade-weighted value, which the Bank of England probably watches more closely than individual rates, is unlikely to show much net change.

The third reason in favour of lower UK rates is the inflation outlook has consistently confounded pessimists. Today sees the publication of the Bank of England's quarterly inflation report, expected to be more optimistic than the last report in November.

Consumers indulge in burst of borrowing

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH consumers indulged in a burst of borrowing in December, contradicting official figures showing a 0.2 per cent fall in retail sales during the month before Christmas.

The Central Statistical Office said net new lending to consumers rose to £443 million in December, from £290 million in November. This was a much larger total than most economists had expected, after the rather disappointing overall retail sales figures. The increase was mainly due to higher lending by finance houses. This, at £398 million, up from November's £262 million, was the highest for five years.

It is difficult to draw firm conclusions about how robust consumer confidence is, and will be in the months ahead, though the latest figures are encouraging on the surface. There is enormous uncertainty about whether consumers will go on spending in the face of huge tax increases which start to hit their pockets in April. There are also some strange quirks in consumer behaviour, suggesting that all may not be well.

One puzzling aspect of the figures was the strength of finance house lending. This form of credit is often used to buy cars and household goods, which were not very strong in December. Another interesting feature is that consumers seem to have borrowed on the most expensive terms (such as credit cards) and repaid relatively cheaper overdrafts.

Peter Warburton, chief economist at Robert Fleming, said there was no clear overall interpretation of the figures. His guess was that consumers were attracted by very fine pricing in the high street and generous credit offers before Christmas but that this might not last. "Consumers can dip in and out of the market very quickly and my suspicion is that they have already started to cool off," he said.

However, Don Smith, of Midland Global Markets, said the net lending figures were very strong, with the average over the past six months at its highest level since June 1990. He speculated that December's figures might have understated retail sales because of problems with seasonal adjustments.

Another positive report came from Infolink, the credit information organisation, which said that the number of consumer credit enquiries had risen by 15 per cent in December.



Crushing burden: estimates of damage from January's Los Angeles earthquake range as high as $30 billion

Earthquake likely to cost insurers $2.5bn

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

AMERICAN property and casualty insurers estimate that insured losses from the Los Angeles earthquake on January 17 will total at least $2.5 billion. The Property Claim Services division of the American Insurance Services Group said it expected about 234,000 claims.

Three-quarters of California's homeowners do not have earthquake insurance, which runs to about $400 a year for a $200,000 home, but the industry expects the earthquake to increase demand for such coverage. Damage is thought to total $20 billion but some estimates go as high as $30 billion.

Lloyd's of London has escaped almost unscathed, because losses were not high enough to trigger the insurance market's catastrophe reinsurance cover. Insured losses would have to top $3.5 billion before Lloyd's cover kicked in. A Lloyd's spokesman said some losses would fall on the market because syndicates provided cover directly to US insurers. "However, we have only been notified for about £20 million of direct losses," he said. There may be more in the pipeline but these are expected to be negligible. The bulk of the losses will be borne by US insurers.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Waste Management on the expansion trail

PRE-TAX profits at Waste Management International, the waste handling company that is controlled by Waste Management Inc of Chicago and has a 20 per cent stake in Wessex Water, climbed 7 per cent to £150.9 million in the year to December 31. Revenues, boosted by acquisitions and organic growth, advanced 15 per cent to £941.4 million. Earnings grew by 14 per cent to 26.5p (23.3p) a share. Acquisition activity continued with 48 acquisitions completed in 12 countries, including 11 in the UK and eight in Germany, where the pace is expected to continue this year. The group also entered the Austrian market through a small acquisition.

Edwin Falkman, chief executive, said: "Our business in Europe has continued to expand, despite the fact that only the UK has had positive economic growth. We expect that this expansion will continue as the economic climate improves. Our market share has increased steadily in a number of countries including the UK, Germany, The Netherlands, France, Denmark and Finland. This has been achieved through both acquisitions and internal growth."

Electricity rebates

EASTERN Electricity has offered its 3 million customers a further rebate off their winter bills, at a total cost of £50 million. Householders on the standard tariff will have £10 credited to their next quarterly bill and customers on the Economy 7 tariff will receive £16. Those on pre-payment, token or card meters will also receive an additional £4. John Devaney, chief executive, said: "Our customers are continuing to benefit to the full from our ability to manage our business costs effectively. We have put a lot of effort into the way we purchase our power, using our influence as the largest of the regional electricity companies to secure the best possible deals."

Japan's surplus rises

JAPAN'S current account surplus rose 12 per cent in 1993 in dollar terms to a record $131.35 billion from $117.55 billion in the previous year, the Finance Ministry announced yesterday. However, when expressed in yen, the current account surplus fell 2 per cent to Y14.602 trillion. In 1992, it had jumped 53 per cent to Y14.902 trillion. The United States, in particular, has expressed frustration over the lack of progress in ongoing trade talks aimed chiefly at creating greater access to Japan's markets. For the month of December alone, the current account surplus rose 9.3 per cent to $12.57 billion, up from $11.50 billion a year earlier.

Sculley quits Spectrum

JOHN Sculley, the former chairman of Apple Computer, has abruptly resigned as chairman and chief executive of Spectrum Information Technologies, the little-known computer company he joined last year. Mr Sculley has filed suit in federal court in New York against Peter Caserta, Spectrum's former chief executive, regarding matters relating to the circumstances under which he was "induced to join Spectrum, to my obvious detriment". Spectrum made no comment on the allegation. Mr Sculley said he had learnt of pending Securities and Exchange Commission enquiries into the company only from recent press reports.

Mining tenders

PRIVATE mining companies have lodged competing tenders to lease and re-open redundant mines at Wearmouth, Tyne & Wear and Calverton, Nottinghamshire, British Coal said. But none have been submitted for Bentley Colliery, South Yorkshire, or for Rufford Colliery, Nottinghamshire. Of the 28 pits offered for lease and licence since last May, only one, Clipstone, Nottinghamshire, has been handed over to a private group. But talks are continuing over transferring five others back to the private sector: Betws, South Wales; Rossington and Markham Main, Yorkshire; Trentham, Staffordshire, and Coventry, West Midlands.

News Corp decision

THE News Corporation yesterday announced that holders of News Cayman Ltd 7⅝ per cent guaranteed sterling exchangeable preference shares due 1999 and holders of News Cayman Investment Ltd 5¼ per cent guaranteed guilder exchangeable non-voting preference shares due 1999 are not entitled to Royal Doulton shares. It was announced on January 31, 1994 that legal advice was being taken after a review of Royal Doulton documents. Notices to preference shareholders were published on December 13, 1993 in the *Financial Times*. News Corp stated: "We apologise for the error which the notices contained and regret any inconvenience which may have been caused."

Woodchester warning

WOODCHESTER Investments, the Irish finance house, gave warning that it will report sharply lower profits for 1993. Pre-tax earnings for last year, to be announced on February 28, will be about Ir£33 million (£31.4 million), compared with Ir£35.4 million before exceptional costs of about Ir£15 million. Despite the drop in earnings, the dividend will be lifted about 15 per cent. Craig McKinney, Woodchester chairman, said his restructuring plan had the support of Crédit Lyonais, which owns 49 per cent. Woodchester, which has a 30 per cent interest in CLLE, a Crédit Lyonais subsidiary, said it might take over CLLE in some countries.

Business failures at a five-year low

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE number of firms to collapse into receivership and administration fell to its lowest level for five years last month.

Figures collated by Touche Ross, the accountant, show there were only 163 appointments of receivers or administrators last month, a 56 per cent fall on the number reported for January last year. The fall continues the downward trend set during 1993.

Christopher Morris, the senior insolvency partner at Touche Ross, said business failures were on target to fall as low as 2,000 this year, compared with a peak of 5,734 in 1991 and 3,226 last year.

He said: "This would seem to confirm my previously stated opinions that not only is the recession over, but that companies are recovering steadily and cautiously and not being persuaded to overtrade." At the end of previous recessions, the number of business failures increased as firms tried to expand turnover at an unsustainably high growth rate, sacrificing margins and profit.

Mr Morris said: "Steady and cautious expansion of activities is more likely to result in real growth and prosperity, while overtrading all too often results in the financial collapse of an otherwise viable business . . . "

The Touche figures, taken from an analysis of statutory advertisements, show there were fewer collapses in the West Midlands and the North than in other areas, with only two appointments in each area. The biggest number of failures, 72, occurred in London and the South East, followed by the North West with 25 and Yorkshire and Humberside with 22.

Target of 100,000 cars a year, mainly for export

Toyota to double production

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

TOYOTA has started two-shift assembly work to double production at its £800 million plant at Burnaston, Derbyshire. The company introduced a night shift this week which will mean output jumping to 400 cars a day by the middle of the year.

It has taken on 500 extra workers to achieve a target of 100,000 cars a year, with about 75 per cent of them going for export, mainly to Europe. The saloons and hatchbacks — called the Carina E — made at the Burnaston plant are already sent to 17 countries on the Continent.

Company executives say that the extra production will help consolidate the company's position in foreign showrooms.

However, the success of the mid-range Carina E is also expected to raise demand for a second model to be made at Burnaston. Toyota managers are already checking details, but it is expected the company will decide soon to make a smaller hatchback car at Burnaston.

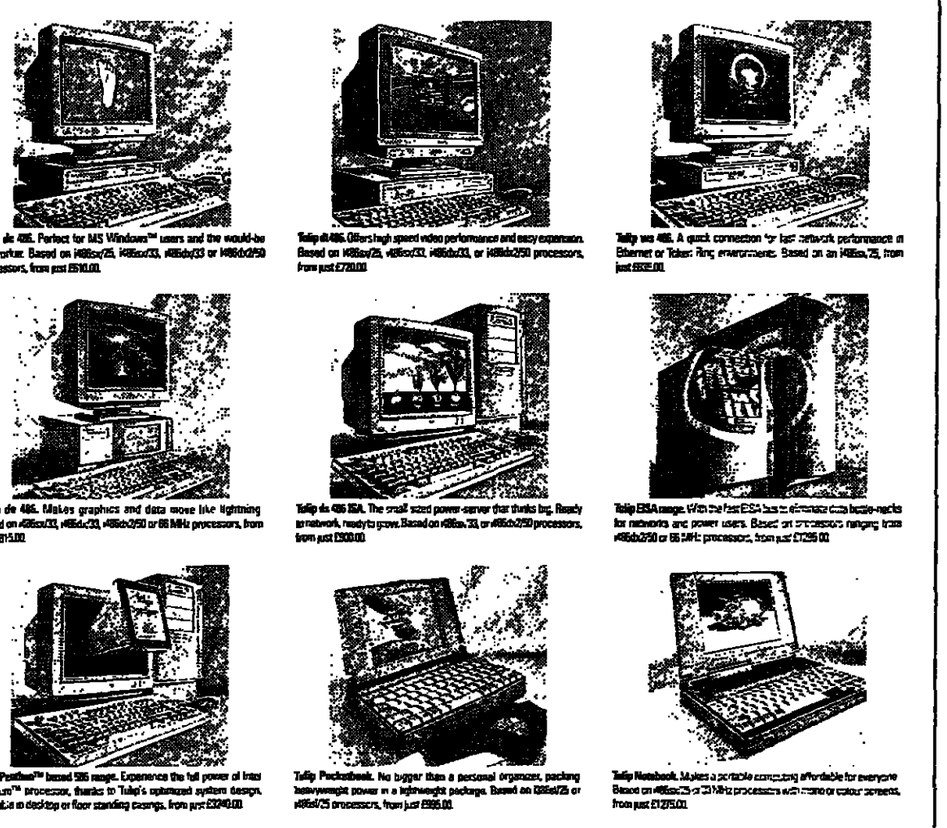
That will make Burnaston a rival for Nissan's plant at Washington, Tyne & Wear. The company was last week named Britain's biggest car exporter sending £1 billion worth of cars overseas for sale.

Burnaston's success is also proving important to British component suppliers now helping to raise the European content of Carina E cars to 80 per cent by the end of the year. The factory will by then be spending £380 million annually on parts and raw materials in Europe.

Yukihisa Hirano, Toyota UK's managing director, said: "This is another major step towards achieving our phase one target of 100,000 cars a year and demonstrates that the high quality of the Carina Es built here has been widely accepted by our customers throughout Europe."

☐ Shoichiro Toyoda, chairman of Toyota Motor Corporation, has been nominated next chairman of the Japanese Federation of Economic Organisations (Keidanren).

Mr Toyoda, 68, will replace Gaisha Hiraiwa at the organisation's general meeting in May. The Keidanren is one of the most powerful business groups in Japan.



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☐ BAe shareholders in the dark but footing the bill ☐ Granada ready to lift terms ☐ Markets should adjust, not panic

Careless talk costs chairmen

☐ THAT new era of openness on the Stock Exchange does not seem to have reached British Aerospace. Most of the nation's broadsheet newspapers have reported that John Cahill, BAe's executive chairman, has effectively been ousted by his boardroom colleagues less than two years into a five year contract. Yet BAe has not felt it necessary to make an announcement to the Exchange.

Perhaps BAe's top managers sees chairmen as being ten a penny. Unfortunately for shareholders, that is far from true. Even Professor Sir Roland Smith, whom the board had reason to oust in 1991, was due some £500,000 on a contract with his consultancy. Mr Cahill's departure would surely prove much more costly, not least because it appears to be for the benefit of fellow directors rather than shareholders.

The supposed objections to Mr Cahill might have been good reasons for not recruiting him in the first place. But he was carefully chosen after a thorough search, during which it was speculated that one or two possibles did not wish to work with existing top management, including Dick Evans, the chief executive appointed under Sir Roland. Whatever Mr Cahill's faults, he is an unusually straightforward and honest person. He did not disguise his intentions. When the former BTR chief executive was appointed, it was made clear he would be a hands-on executive, introduce tough BTR-style financial controls and personally vet every BAe business. No surpises there. Indeed, it was surely for his unsentimental skills at cutting costs and raising profit margins, so evident at BTR, that he was chosen to succeed Sir Graham Day, who did not want the role permanently because he felt BAe could not do with a non-executive chairman.

Mr Cahill's past record also showed he was not a good dealmaker, perhaps just because he is a non-nonsense John Fashanu of the business world rather than a George Best. He was not the man to negotiate a subtle deal with Taiwan or spend months in a stately dance with Honda. By contrast, Mr Evans is for ever associated with winning the fabulous Al Yamamah defence contract. Mr Cahill came in because BAe wanted a formidable manager. He reckoned it would take five years to transform BAe. The sale of Rover, which he envisaged from the start, is but one milestone. Airbus developments and a possible joint defence venture with GEC are to come. Yet BAe also needs constant pressure on costs in a world where cosy defence contracts and aircraft deals will no longer be the norm.

Having seen off Rover's George Simpson and now, it seems, Mr Cahill, BAe's insiders have reasserted themselves. Shareholders may not have had that in mind. If that is the case, the board, and not the shareholders, should pay any compensation for breaching their chairman's contract.

Television talks about talks

☐ YESTERDAY'S market shake-out may have done little to rock the foundations of stock market confidence, but it certainly shook the walls at Granada Group. Gerry Robinson, at Granada, has only until Sunday to capture LWT (Holdings), ideally by an agreed bid, now the takeover clock has been rewound. These are far from ideal market conditions in which to underwrite a takeover bid worth not too far short of £1 billion.



As the market closed on Friday, Granada's all-share terms were a penny above LWT's price in the market. By last night, LWT shares were defying gravity and unchanged at 702p, but Granada had slipped such that the terms were 18p lower. Hardly surprising, therefore, that there are signs that Mr Robinson has been wrong-footed by the markets. LWT suggests that an offer by Granada made over the weekend for further talks was significantly never followed through by the necessary phone call yesterday morning to set a date.

Granada was last night happy to line up a private chat with LWT over higher terms later this week — but not, apparently, until New York had had a chance to close and London to open at least once again, which suggests that one or two merchant bankers may have had a sleepless night.

To pass the time, the two had yesterday fallen to squabbling again over their respective share of January ITV advertising revenue. LWT's promising figures, showing a 10 per cent rise and put out over the weekend, were somewhat unwisely written off by Granada with the claim that the month had been a good one for all the ITV companies. Possibly so; but all things are relative, and Granada's own revenues fell 5 per cent, the company sheepishly admitted yesterday, although indications are this was probably a temporary blip.

That said, assuming the stock market behaves itself for the next couple of days and he can raise his bid, Mr Robinson's problems could soon be over. Forget the once-trumpeted "white knight". Whatever the posturing so far from their board, the LWT shareholders must in their hearts have accepted that the kind of prices now on offer for TV companies may not be available for too long, and they might, one day, rue any rejection of an improved price.

With management sitting on 10 per cent of the shares, such logic will also not have been lost on those members of the LWT board who could be days away from being real, as opposed to paper, millionaires. Agreement, on slightly higher terms, may not be too hard to achieve.

Memories that can prevent a crash

☐ LLOYD Bentsen, America's Treasury Secretary was wise to point out that economic conditions in 1994 are very different from those ahead of the October 1987 financial crash. There was then a fundamental imbalance in the world economy caused by an unsustainabale American boom, generating huge trade and budget deficits that sent the dollar reeling too far for the Federal Reserve to ignore. Today, the main economic imbalance lies within continental Europe, where interest rates are artificially keeping the recession going. And even that has been eased since last summer's suspension of the ERM.

In America, interest rates are rising because the economy is healthy, not because it is out of control. A penalty may have to be paid in Europe, where the likely rise of the dollar may put a floor under future interest rate cuts. Continental share prices have been sustained by American money chasing higher cash returns and capital gains from falling rates.

The penalty need not be great, however, nor interfere with the real economy. If stock and bond markets merely adjust to the implications of somewhat higher American interest rates, little harm should be done — though the adjustment may be bigger in some frothy Asian markets. The danger lies in share markets shrugging off higher interest rates, sustained by confidence in ever-growing company profits.

That is the second lesson of 1987. Having corrected down, share prices, especially in America, went charging ahead again as if nothing had happened. That creates the climate for a crash. If that lesson is remembered and ambitions scaled down, a market with the froth creamed off could still be prove healthy.

BASF to pay £60m for ICI plastics business

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BASF of Germany is buying ICI's European polypropylene business. The £60 million deal doubles BASF's share of the European polypropylene market to about 10 per cent, making it second only to an alliance between Shell and Himont, of Italy.

The disposal shows the gathering pace of ICI's restructuring away from highly cyclical heavy chemicals after the hiving-off of Zeneca, its pharmaceuticals arm, last June.

Further sales, particularly of bulk petrochemicals and chlor-alkali activities, are expected as a modest recovery gets under way in the North American and UK chemical industries. Peter Clark, chemicals analyst at Goldman Sachs, said: "ICI will be doing a lot more deals like this."

Disposals of businesses with poor profitability or losses are expected to help ICI achieve a strong profits recovery in 1994. This month, Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman, is set to reveal profits of about £296 million for 1993, on turnover, minus the drugs arm, of about £8.5 billion.

For the current year, Goldman Sachs forecasts a profit of £415 million, on sales of £9 billion. Part of the improvement will come from eliminating losses from polypropylene, which is believed to have lost £10 million last year and £20 million in 1992.

Yesterday's deal was planned as part of an asset swop between BASF and ICI which was unveiled in January 1993. ICI later abandoned plans to buy BASF's German acrylics operation, apparently because of concerns about environmental clean-up liabilities.

However, BASF has agreed to take on ICI's polypropylene plant at Wilton, Teesside, employing 340 people, as well as a plant at Rozenburg, The Netherlands, employing another 120. In total, these plants produce 300,000 tonnes of polypropylene a year.

The acquisition confirms the determination of BASF — which vies with Hoechst and Bayer for the title of world chemicals leader — to become a growing force in the UK.

ICI has been concentrating its efforts on building up four main business areas: paints, explosives, whiteners and selected bulk chemicals.

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Pentos seeks to cool row

BILL McGrath, the new chief executive of Pentos, the struggling Dillons to Rymans retail chain, distanced himself yesterday from revelations in a letter that has angered Pentos landlords by asking them to lower rents and accept extended payments.

A company spokesman said Mr McGrath had not seen the letter, written by Frank Brazier, chief executive of the Pentos retailing division, before it was sent. However, the spokesman said that the board was looking to reduce the company's hefty rent bill.

Pentos is locked into deals made during the 1980s rental boom.

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GrandMet deputy sets up KKR-backed buyout group

By Susan Gilchrist

IAN Martin, deputy chairman of Grand Metropolitan, who lost out to George Bull in the battle for the chief executive's job last year, has resigned from the group to set up a new specialist buyout company.

Glenisla Group, the new venture, is backed by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts (KKR), the US investment group famed for its 1980s corporate raids. Mr Martin, 58, said his task was to find undervalued businesses in western Europe which KKR could acquire.

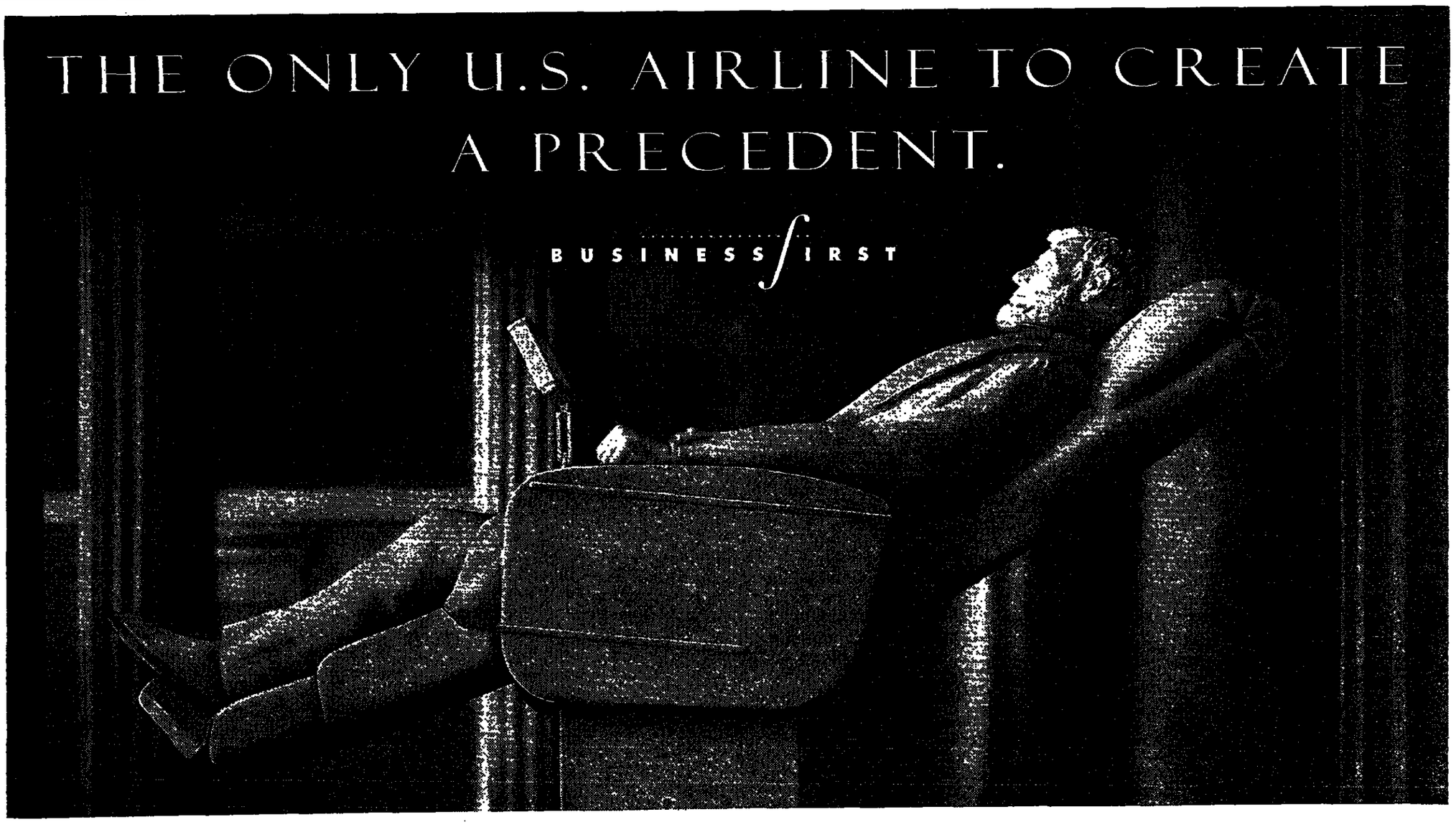
He is seeking deals of about £300 million, which are likely to be financed from KKR's $2 billion fund in America. KKR has been trying to find a deal in Europe for several years but has so far failed. The venture with Mr Martin marks an attempt to establish a more formal base in the region.

Mr Martin refused to reveal his financial package but it is believed he is being paid a salary by KKR on top of any equity stake he is given in acquired companies. He will also continue to receive his £500,000 salary from GrandMet for advisory services.

He is not the first GrandMet director to enter the lucrative world of buyouts. Last May, Sir Allen Sheppard, his former boss, led a £300 million managment buy-in of BP's consumer products arm.



Martin: GrandMet salary



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Equities fluctuate in wake of Fed rate rise

STOCK MARKET

THE shock waves resulting from Friday's decision by the Fed to raise short-term interest rates reverberated around the London stock market as share prices fluctuated wildly.

The FT-SE 100 index was down almost 100 points at one stage, wiping £14.25 billion from share values, before rallying strongly in late trading as Wall Street recovered from an early fall in resumed trading after the weekend break. The index closed 56.3 points down at 3,419.1.

By the close, a total of 894 million shares had changed hands, with the bulk of the business accounted for by trading between market-makers. Brokers described the equity market's performance as an overdue correction.

The 743-point dip in the Hong Kong stock market was bad news for **HSBC**, down 83p at £10.16, and those companies with close links to the colony. **Inchcape** fell 15p to 572p while **Standard Chartered** dropped 51p to £13.80.

Lloyds Bank, reporting this week, fell 10p to 615p. **Reuters** fell 24p to £19.11p before today's figures. **BOC** was another weak market, falling 25p to 708p on the back of some bearish comments from Smith New Court, which is concerned about increased competition for the group.

Moving against the trend, **BAT Industries** added 6p to 516p. Warburg Securities was also believed to be recommending the shares to clients.

LWT (Holdings), currently fighting off an unwanted bid from **Granada**, clawed back an early fall of 15p to finish the session unchanged at 702p. The group said advertising revenue rose 10 per cent last month to £14.8 million. Advertising revenue for the first quarter was expected to be £1.5 million above budget. Viewing figures were also up. **Granada** closed 16p down at 570p.

Dalgety fell 3p to 487p after weighing in with first-half figures showing pre-tax profits virtually static at £56.4 million. **Hanson** lost ¾p at 291½p although the group is pressing ahead with the flotation of its Beazer Homes (UK) housebuilding division which has been pencilled in for next month. Victor Benjamin, deputy chairman of Tesco, will be chairman of the company.

Bryant Group, the housebuilder, celebrated a near doubling of first-half, pre-tax profits from £7.5 million to £14.6 million with a rise of 5p to 191p. The group attributed the performance to a 15 per cent rise in housing completions and stronger selling prices. **Blockleys**, the brickmaker, stood out with a rise of 12p to 83p, after briefly touching 89p. But the company was mystified by the move and could offer no explanation.

Profits at Blockleys have been on a downward spiral in recent years dropping from £5.3 million in 1989 to just £350,000 in 1992.

Slimma Group, the ladies outsize fashion group, made a positive start in first-time trading in spite of the turmoil elsewhere in the market. Placed last week at 120p, the price opened at 122p and touched 142p before ending the day at 141p, a premium of 21p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** gilts opened sharply lower in line with other continental bond markets after the Fed's move, with prices at the shorter end of the market suffering the worst of the falls.

On the futures market, the March series of the Long Gilt touched a low for the day of £116 before rallying towards the close to finish £¾ lower at £116½ with 112,000 contracts completed. In shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £25/32 down at £114 3/32, while at the longer end, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 fell £1 5/16 to £123 5/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street shares remained mixed at midday, with bargain-hunting and strength in the shares of IBM keeping blue chips trading slightly higher, analysts said. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 5.63 points at 3,877.05, after initially following bonds to the downside, while the broader market remained weak, with declining issues leading advancing shares by 14 to six. Some analysts said they were surprised by the Dow's resilience after Friday's 96-point sell-off.

MICHAEL CLARK



ANTHONY HARRIS

The predictable shock of the long-expected

The Fed might be wise to push up short rates modestly, perhaps as early as next month... that poses the $64 question: will securities markets read the first rise in US rates as a signal the bond-driven bull market is over?

These slightly condensed words are taken from this column just two weeks ago. I quote them not to show what a clever column this is (well, not really), but to pose a question: why did the market react so sharply to news that was widely expected?

Indeed, it had virtually been announced in Congress a day earlier by the Fed's considerate chairman, Alan Greenspan. His words caused barely a tremor, but the deed itself knocked nearly 100 points off the Dow. According to efficient market theory, which says that prices discount everything that is known and respond only to the unexpected, such things can't happen: indeed, the rally which set in yesterday afternoon may yet prove that it didn't really happen, after all. All the same, the story is worth exploring.

It starts, a long time ago, with the yield curve. US short rates have been very low for more than two years; but even at the possible end of the greatest bond market rally of modern times, long rates have only partly responded. This reflects the fogey view that all economic growth is before long inflationary. Despite the evidence of actual inflation, which has consistently been lower than forecast, the suspicion hangs on; and recently, there has been possible evidence to support it.

First, commodity prices, notably minerals, are well off their recession lows, an indicator which greatly impresses some central bankers, notably Wayne Angell, who has just reached the end of his term as a Fed governor, and has no doubt been giving some farewell warnings. This is in fact more a normalisation than an inflation. The aggressive dumping from the old Soviet Union has eased, and the recovery has been encouraged by hedge fund buying.

A case of George Soros strikes again? Not really. The rally has ended a situation in which prices were below production costs, and has come just in time to keep a lot of marginal producers in business. This has caused some annoyance among big resource producers such as RTZ, who had hoped for a shake-out to firm up the market before the real world recovery set in; so a price rise now probably means smaller rises later. The hedge funds are acting as stabilising speculators, smoothing the cycle. It is people like our own DTI, shutting mines, that are the agents of potential inflation.

More recently, the US recovery has gathered some real speed, so that capacity utilisation rates are nearing fogey alarm levels. Again, there are lots of reasons to hope that things will be different this time; the US recovery is for once investment- and productivity-led. But again, the bond market vigilantes have had something to talk about. The Fed has acted to show its own vigilance, as it was expected to do, and indeed urged to do in newspaper editorials. It aim is not so much to damp inflation as to damp inflation psychology.

All the same, the timing was a mild surprise, except perhaps to Washington gossips. What may well have triggered it was not any news on the inflation front, but the surprise resignation of David Mullins, the Fed's voluble hard-line vice-chairman. The Board may well have felt that it would be more tactful to get the decision on the books while the White House was in its usual dither about naming a successor — a Keynesian inflationist? A token woman? It might be anyone; and to greet his or her arrival with a rise in rates would not be tactful.

And so, back to the market response. The move was expected by the professionals. But how would the blue rinses and mutual fund investors (unit holders in this country) respond? They do not follow arcane debates about long cycles, or insider gossip: they might be shocked. A rush to liquidate units could be very messy; the professional response is to mark prices down before the sell calls come through. And then edge them up again.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $	1.4809 (-0.0115)
German mark	2.6104 (+0.0200)
Exchange index	82.0 (+0.3)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	3419.1 (-56.3)
Dow Jones	3877.05 (+5.63)*
Nikkei Avg	20014.40 (-287.03)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	5½%
3-month Interbank	5½-5⅜%
US Federal Funds	3⅛%*
3-month Treas Bills	3.24-3.22%*
Long Bond	6.40%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£ $	1.4825*	£ $	1.4825
$ DM	1.7610*	£ DM	2.6099
$ SWfr	1.4710*	£ SWfr	2.1807
$ Ffr	5.9710*	£ Ffr	8.8410
$ Yen	108.55*	£ Yen	160.89
£ SDR	1.0777	£ ECU	1.3393

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):

AM 383.95	PM 383.50
Close	384.30-384.80

New York:

Comex	386.05-386.55*

OIL

Brent Crude ... $14.30 per bbl (Mar)

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TOURIST RATES

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Australia $	2.22	2.02
Austria Sch	19.29	17.79
Belgium Fr	56.74	52.34
Canada $	2.099	1.939
Cyprus Cyp£	0.808	0.758
Denmark Kr	10.70	9.90
Finland Mkk	8.99	8.19
France Fr	9.27	8.57
Germany Dm	2.76	2.55
Greece Dr	396.00	371.00
Hong Kong $	12.12	11.12
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2608.00	2453.00
Japan Yen	176.50	159.50
Malta	0.622	0.567
Netherlds Gld	3.086	2.836
Norway Kr	11.75	10.95
Portugal Esc	272.50	254.00
S Africa Rd	5.35	4.95
Spain Pta	217.50	203.50
Sweden Kr	12.36	11.56
Switzerland Fr	2.31	2.13
Turkey Lira	26843.0	25343.0
USA $	1.582	1.452

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Bryant Group lifts house prices 16%

By Martin Flanagan

BRYANT, the housebuilder and construction group, has tapped returning confidence in the housing market to boost the selling price of its average home by 16 per cent and nearly double half-time profits.

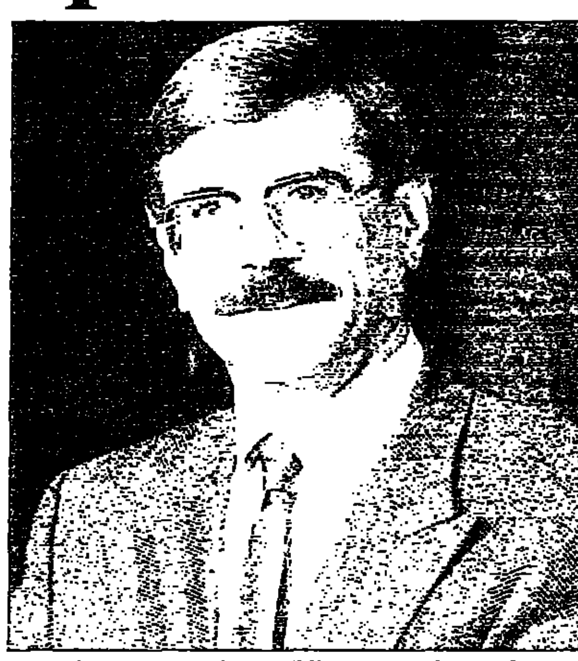
The group said yesterday pre-tax profits rose 95 per cent to £14.6 million (£7.5 million) in the six months to November 30, 1993, and homes sold rose 15 per cent to 1,480. Andrew MacKenzie, chief executive, said the average selling price increased to £94,000 (£81,000) as Bryant sold more three- and four-bedroom properties.

The shares added 5p to 191p. Bryant's forecast of a steadily improving housing market in 1994 came on the day the Department of the Environment announced a 19 per cent rise in housing starts in 1993 to 186,400, against 156,500 in 1992. Completions rose 2 per cent to 174,000 (170,200).

Colin Hope, Bryant's chairman, said all the homes division's geographical regions were profitable. House purchaser confidence had improved and he forecast this would continue to be fuelled by low interest rates and ongoing economic improvement. The division made operating profits of £13.5 million (£8.7 million) and had a 10,800-plot landbank at half-time.

The properties investment arm increased its losses to £1.9 million (£600,000 loss) as tenant demand remained weak. The company said it remained cautious about the sector. Construction turned in an improved performance, with profits up from £2.2 million to £3.1 million, in spite of pressure on profit margins.

Bryant's earnings per share rose to 3.6p (1.9p), and the interim dividend is held at 1.4p.



Andrew MacKenzie is building on growing confidence

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Blockleys	83p (+12p)
Wardle Storeys	485p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Allied Lyons	624p (-11p)
Barclays	597p (-18p)
SG Warburg	974p (-32p)
J Laing	394p (-13p)
Adscene	285p (-20p)
Thomson Corp	855p (-20p)
RMC Group	950p (-17p)
ADT	675p (-15p)
ICI	793p (-18p)
Granada	570p (-16p)
Jardine Math	654½p (-48p)
Medeva	161p (-14p)
Security Ser	677p (-13p)
Smiths Ind	469p (-13p)
Caffyns	450p (-13p)
Swire Pacific 'A'	523p (-46p)
Wellcome	637p (-15p)
Transatlantic	450p (-12p)
Compass Group	724p (-24p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Baring Emrg Euro	70½	-3½
Baring Emrg Eur Wts	39½	-3½
Computersed Fin (90)	133	+7
Fairbairn Euro Smlr (100)	96	-2½
For & Col Smaller (100)	117½	-4
Friends Prov Ethical (60)	60	...
Friends Prov Uts (120)	124	-4
Friends Prov Zero Pf (60)	61	-½
Pantheon Wts	83	...
Rossmont (10)	12	...
Slimma (120)	141	...
Thornton Pan Euro Wts	14	...
Thornton Zero Div Pf	51½	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Anglo Irish n/p (48)	19	...
Berisford n/p (120)	112	...
Crest Nicholson n/p (88)	23	-2½
Ramus n/p (25)	1½	...
Stanley Leisure n/p (275)	38	...
Worthington n/p (51)	11	...

WALL STREET

	Feb 7 midday	Feb 4 close
AMP Inc	61¼	60¾
AMR Corp	69⅞	69¼
Abbott Labs	29¼	28¾
Aetna Life	61	61¼
Ahmanson (HF)	17¾	17¾
Air Prod & Chem	47¼	48
Albertson's	25¼	25¼
Alcan Alumnm	23⅜	23¼
Alco Standard	55¼	55¼
Allied Signal	75⅞	75¼
Alum Co of Am	76¼	76¼
Amax Gold Inc	6¾	7
Amerada Hess	47¼	48¼
Amer Brands	34¼	34¼
Amer Cyanamid	48¼	48¼
Amer El Power	34¼	34¼
Amer Express	30¼	30¼
Amer Genl Corp	26¼	26¼
Amer Home Pr	61¾	62¼
Amer Intl	88	88¼
Amer Stores	42¼	42¼
Amer T & T	54¼	54¾
Ameritech	41¾	40¾
Amoco	53¼	52¼
Anheuser-Busch	47¼	48
Apple Computer	35	33¼
Archer Daniels	25¼	26
Arkla	8¼	8¼
Armco	6¼	6¼
Armstrong Wrld	53¼	53¼
Asarco	24¼	23¼
Ashland Oil	37	37¼
Atl Richfield	109¼	109¼
Auto Data Pro	52¼	52¼
Avery Dennison	28¼	28¼
Avon Products	55¼	54¼
Baker Hughes	20⅜	20¼
Baltim Gas & El	23¼	24¼
Banc One	37	37¼
BankAmerica	43¼	43¼
Bank of NY	53⅜	54¼
Bankers Tr NY	42	42
Barnett Banks	40¼	40¼
Bausch & Lomb	51¼	52
Baxter Intl	23	22¼
Becton Dickson	35¼	36¼
Bell Atlantic	54¼	54¼
BellSouth	57¼	56¼
Black & Decker	19¼	19¼
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Boeing	42¼	42¼
Boise Cascade	26¼	26¼
Borden Inc	14¼	14¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	56¼	56¼
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Brunswick	19	19
Burlington Nthn	62¼	62¼
CBS	302	305¼
CNA Financial	79¼	78
CPC Intl	48¼	49¼
CSX	88¼	89¼
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Cptl Holdings	34¼	35
Carolina Pwr	27¼	28
Caterpillar	103	103¼
Central & SW	28¼	28¼
Champion Intl	33¼	33
Chase Manhat	33¼	33¼
Chemical Bk	37¼	37
Chevron Corp	92⅜	92¼
Chrysler	60¼	61¼
Chubb Corp	77¼	77¼
Cigna Corp	66⅜	66¼
Citicorp	39¼	40¼
Clorox	52	52¼
Coastal Corp	31¼	31¼
Coca Cola	40¼	40¼
Colgate-Palmolive	61⅜	61
Columbia Gas	24	24¼
Commonw Ed	26¼	26¼
Compaq Comp	86¼	85¼
Comp Ass Intl	36¼	37¼
Conagra	26¼	26¼
Cons Edison	30⅜	30¼
Cons Nat Gas	45¼	45¼
Cons Rail	61⅜	61¼
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Dayton Hudson	66	65¼
Deere	77¼	77¼
Delta Air Lines	53¼	54¼
Deluxe Corp	34	34¼
Detroit Edison	26¼	26¼
Digital Equip	29¼	29¼
Dillard Dept St	34¼	34
Disney (Walt)	45¼	45
Dominion Res	42	42¼
Donnelley (RR)	30	29¼
Dover Corp	60¼	60¼
Dow Chemical	63¼	64¼
Dow Jones	36¼	38¼
Dresser	22¼	22¼
Duke Power	39⅜	40¼
Dun & Bradstreet	61¼	62¼
Du Pont	54¼	54
Eastman Kodak	43⅜	43¼

	Feb 7 midday	Feb 4 close
Eaton Corp	58¼	58¾
Emerson Elec	62¼	63¼
Engelhard Corp	26¼	26¼
Enron Corp	32¼	32¼
Ethyl Corp	18¼	18¼
Exxon	66¼	65¾
FMC Corp	48¼	48
FPL Group	35¼	35¼
Federal Express	76¼	77¼
Fed Nat Mtge	83¼	83¼
First Chicago	46¼	45¼
First Interstate	65¼	64¼
First Union Rlty	9¼	9¼
Fleet Finl Grp	33¼	34¼
Fluor Corp	44¼	44¼
Ford Motor	67¼	68
GTE Corp	33	33¼
Gannett	54¼	55
Gap Inc Del	40	40¼
Gen Dynamics	93	92¼
Gen Electric	106¼	106¼
Gen Mills	59	59¼
Gen Motors	61¼	61¼
Gen Reinsurance	106¼	108¼
Gen Signal	36	36
Genuine Parts	37	37¼
Georgia Pac	75	74¼
Gillette	59¼	59¼
Glaxo ADR	19¼	19¼
Goodrich (BF)	41¼	42
Goodyear Tire	46¼	47
Grace (W&R)	43¼	43¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24	23¼
Great Wstn Fin	17¼	17¼
Halliburton	32¼	32¼
Harcourt General	35¼	35¼
Heinz (HJ)	33¼	33¼
Hercules	107	107¼
Hershey Foods	48¼	48¼
Hewlett Packard	82	81
Hilton Hotels	66¼	65¼
Home Depot	38	37¼
Homestake Mng	21¼	22¼
Honeywell	33	33
Household Intl	34	34
Houston Inds	45¼	45¼
Humana	20¼	20
ITT Corp	97¼	98¼
Illinois Tool	41¼	41¼
INCO	27¼	27
Ingersoll Rand	38¼	37¼
Inland Steel	35¼	35¼
Intel Corp	60¼	61¼
IBM	53⅜	52
Intl Flav & Fr	38	37¼
Intl Paper	76¼	75¼
James River Va	19¼	19¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41¼	42
K Mart	19¼	19¼
Kellogg	52¼	52¼
Kerr-McGee	47	47¼
Kimberly-Clark	56¼	56
Knight-Ridder	55¼	56
Lilly (Eli)	59	59¼
Limited Inc	17¼	17
Lin Brdcsting	114¼	115
Lincoln Nat	39¼	40¼
Litton	66¼	68¼
Liz Claiborne	20¼	21¼
Lockheed Corp	64¼	64¼
Louisiana Pac	44¼	44
MCI Commun	26¼	26¼
Marriott Int	29	29¼
Marsh & McLnn	81	81¼
Masco Corp	36¼	37¼
May Dept St	38¼	39¼
Maytag Corp	17	16¼
McCaw Cellular	52¼	52¼
McDonalds	58¼	59¼
McDonnell D	114¼	114¼
McGraw Hill	67¼	67¼
Mead Corp	47	46¼
Medtronic	85¼	85¼
Mellon Bk	53¼	54
Melville Corp	39	38¼
Merck Inc	35	35¼
Merrill Lynch	41¼	41¼
Minnesota Mine	104¼	104¼
Mobil Corp	80	79¼
Monsanto	77¼	78¼
Morgan (JP)	68¼	68¼
Motorola Inc	96¼	95¼
Natl Medical	15¼	15¼
Natl Semi	17¼	17¼
Natl Service Ind	26¼	27
Navistar Int	24¼	24¼
NBD Bancorp	29	29¼
NY Times A	27¼	28¼
Newmont Mng	53¼	54¼
Niag Mohawk	18¼	19
Nike B	49¼	50¼
NL Industries	7	7¼
Nordstrom	34¼	34¼
Norfolk Sthrn	71¼	71¼
Nthn State Pwr	42¼	42¼
Norwest Corp	25	25¼
Nynex Corp	39¼	38¼
Occidental Pet	18¼	18¼
Ohio Edison	21¼	21¼
Oracle Systems	31	31¼

	Feb 7 midday	Feb 4 close
Oryx Energy Co	18¼	18¼
Owens Corning	43¼	44¼
PNC Financial	28¼	27¼
PPG Industries	79¼	79
Paccar Inc	56	56¼
Pacificorp	17¼	17¼
Pac Enterprises	23¼	23¼
Pac Gas & Elect	32	32¼
Pac Telesis	55¼	55¼
Pall Corp	17¼	18¼
Panhandle East	24¼	25
Paramnt Comm	76¼	76¼
Parker Hannifin	35¼	36
Penney (JC)	51¼	51¼
Pennzoil	54¼	54¼
Pepsico	38¼	38¼
Pfizer	61¼	62
Phelps Dodge	56¼	54¼
Philadel Elec	29¼	29¼
Philip Morris	59¼	59¼
Phillips Pet	29¼	29¼
Pitney Bowes	43¼	43¼
Polaroid	33¼	33¼
PriceCostco	17¼	17¼
Procter & Gmbl	57¼	57¼
Pub Serv E & G	30¼	30¼
Quaker Oats	64¼	63¼
Ralston Purina	43¼	43¼
Raychem Corp	36¼	36¼
Raytheon	66¼	66¼
Reebok Intl	32¼	32¼
Reynolds Metals	50¼	50¼
Roadway Srvcs	69¼	69
Rockwell Intl	40¼	41¼
Rohm & Haas	58¼	58¼
Royal Dutch	105¼	105¼
Rubbermaid	30¼	30¼
Safeco Corp	57	57¼
St Paul's Cos	84	85¼
Salomon Inc	48	47¼
Santa Fe Pac	23¼	23¼
Sara Lee Corp	21¼	21¼
Scecorp	19¼	19
Schering Plough	62¼	62¼
Schlumberger	58¼	58¼
Scott Paper	44¼	44¼
Seagram	29¼	29¼
Sears Roebuck	50¼	50¼
Shell Trans	63	63¼
Sherwin Wllms	34	34¼
Skyline Corp	19¼	19¼
Snap-On-Tools	42¼	42¼
Southern Co	41¼	41¼
Sthwestern Bell	39¼	39
Sprint Corp	36¼	36¼
Stanley Works	43¼	43¼
Sun Company	30¼	30¼
Sun Microsys	26¼	25¼
Suntrust	45¼	45¼
Supervalu	37¼	38¼
Syntex Corp	14¼	14¼
Sysco Corp	27¼	27¼
TRW Inc	73¼	74¼
Tandem Comp	12¼	12¼
Tandy Corp	44¼	44¼
Telecom Corp	3¼	3¼
Teledyne	22¼	22¼
Temple Inland	51¼	50¼
Tenneco	57	56¼
Texaco	66¼	66¼
Texas Instr	70¼	70¼
Texas Utilities	37¼	37¼
Textron	59¼	59¼
Time Warner	39¼	39¼
Times-Mirror	35¼	34¼
Timken	35¼	36¼
Torchmark	48¼	48¼
Toys R Us	36	36¼
Transamerica	53	53¼
Travelers	39	38¼
Tribune	59¼	59¼
Tyco Labs	53¼	53¼
UAL Corp	144¼	145
UST Inc	28¼	28
USX Marathon	17¼	17¼
Unilever NV	116¼	117¼
Union Camp	49	49¼
Union Carbide	24¼	24¼
Union Pacific	63¼	63¼
Unisys Corp	14¼	14¼
USAir Group	14¼	14¼
USF&G Corp	15¼	15¼
US Life	39¼	40¼
US West	42¼	42¼
United Tech	63¼	64¼
Unocal Corp	29¼	29
Upjohn	28¼	28¼
VF Corp	46¼	46¼
WMX Tech	27¼	27¼
Wal-Mart Stores	27	27¼
Warner-Lambert	64¼	65¼
Wells Fargo	128	128¼
Westinghouse El	14¼	13¼
Weyerhaeuser	48¼	47¼
Whirlpool	69¼	70
Whitman	15¼	15¼
Winn Dixie	48¼	48¼
Woolworth	24¼	24¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44¼	44¼
Xerox	94¼	95

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	10,000	Cadbury	1,400	MEPC	998	Scot Power	1,400
Abbey Natl	2,400	Caradon	1,700	Marks Spr	6,100	Sears	4,600
Alld-Lyons	3,600	Carlton Cms	1,300	NFC	1,200	Svrn Trent	1,000
Anglian W	2,000	Coats Vyla	6,800	NatWst Bk	9,400	Shell Trans	5,400
Argyll Gp	3,100	Cm Union	1,700	Nat Power	2,100	Siebe	2,400
Arjo Wiggn	1,600	Courtaulds	1,000	Nth Wst W	1,500	SmKl Bch	2,100
AB Foods	376	Enterpr Oil	947	Nthrn Fds	2,300	Smith Nph	3,500
BAA	1,800	Forte	8,400	P & O	2,200	Southern Elec	524
BAT Inds	6,600	GRE	1,600	Pearson	1,900	Std Chartd	1,200
BOC	2,200	GUS	1,500	PowerGen	1,800	Sun Allnce	2,000
BP	12,000	Gen Acc	1,100	Prudential	4,200	TI Gp	1,000
BTR	6,300	Gen Elec	10,000	RMC	1,200	TSB	8,500
BT	8,000	Glaxo	8,200	RTZ	2,400	Tesco	10,000
Bk of Scot	4,400	Granada	2,100	Rank Org	1,200	Thames W	1,900
Barclays	8,800	Grand Met	5,700	Reckitt Col	1,400	Thrn EMI	705
Bass	3,800	Guinness	5,200	Redland	1,400	Tomkins	2,500
Blue Circle	2,600	HSBC	15,000	Reed Intl	1,000	Unilever	2,300
Boots	2,000	Hanson	16,000	Rentokil	1,900	Utd Bisc	2,000
Bowater	2,000	ICI	1,600	Reuters	1,600	Vodafone	3,000
Brit Aero	10,000	Inchcape	2,400	Rolls Royce	3,500	Warburg (SG)	557
Brit Airwys	4,500	Kingfisher	1,100	Ryl Ins	4,300	Wellcome	3,000
Brit Gas	9,900	Ladbroke	3,100	Ryl Bk Scot	2,900	Whitbread	1,500
Brit Steel	17,000	Land Secs	3,000	Sainsbury	7,000	Wlims Hld	2,700
Burmah Cas	659	Legal & Gn	1,100	Schroders	72	Wolseley	616
Cable Wire	4,200	Lloyds Bk	5,100	Scot & New	2,200	Zeneca	2,600

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	3877.05 (+5.63)
S&P Composite	469.09 (+0.72)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Avge	20014.40 (-287.03)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	11414.27 (-743.30)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	428.43 (-6.07)

Sydney: AO 2291.1 (-51.7)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2079.40 (-56.55)

FT 30 share: 2632.9 (-35.9)

Brussels:

General	7741.96 (-26.27)

Paris: CAC-40 2257.06 (-42.11)

Zurich: SKA Gen 726.20 (-15.30)

London:

FT A All-Share	1719.49 (-25.69)
FT Non Financials	1929.41 (-25.19)
FT Gold Mines	213.4 (-13.2)
FT Fixed Interest	124.46 (-1.81)
FT Govt Secs	104.35 (-0.65)
Bargains	34033
SEAQ Volume	894.3m
USM (Datastream)	192.58 (-1.80)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declarations	For Settlement
February 7	February 18	May 12	May 23

Calls on 7/2/94: Avesco, Barcom, Caverdale, Costain, Fairhaven, Henderson Admin, Hobsons, Microvitec, Mid-States, Millgate, Phonelink, Proteus, Rodime, SEET, Trafalgar House, Tullow Oil, Waverley Mining. **Puts:** Avesco, Barcom, Lloyds, Pentos, Tullow Oil, Waverley Mining. **Puts & Calls:** Birse Group, Costain, Trafalgar House.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3403.0	3434.0	3374.0	3413.0	35050
Previous open interest: 72046	Jun 94	3415.0	3428.0	3397.5	3428.0	2266
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.56	94.61	94.56	94.59	16461
Previous open interest: 433516	Jun 94	94.71	94.72	94.66	94.71	33678
	Sep 94	94.72	94.72	94.66	94.71	17476
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.41	96.42	96.40	96.39	358
Previous open interest: 11992	Jun 94	96.09	96.08	96.03	96.04	230
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.26	94.33	94.26	94.30	39309
Previous open interest: 921764	Jun 94	94.69	94.78	94.68	94.76	51010
Long Gilt	Mar 94	116-14	116-20	116-00	116-16	128443
Previous open interest: 114174	Jun 94	115-28	115-29	115-24	115-30	442
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	113.80	113.93	113.49	113.62	1628
	Jun 94	112.54	112.54	112.54	112.46	30
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	99.08	99.15	98.62	99.04	233230
Previous open interest: 197495	Jun 94	99.07	99.07	98.80	98.95	3732
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	102.18	102.32	102.11	102.26	2342
Previous open interest: 4576	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	93.81	93.83	93.80	93.81	1010
Previous open interest: 38138	Jun 94	94.35	94.35	94.31	94.33	669
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	96.00	96.02	95.97	95.96	6347
Previous open interest: 59996	Jun 94	96.30	96.30	96.26	96.27	3280
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	117.30	116.17	117.20	118.00	57901
Previous open interest: 96693	Jun 94	116.03	118.27	117.90	118.26	171

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 82.0 (day's range 81.9-82.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 7	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.9192-2.9250	2.9214-2.9250	⅜-¼pr	¾-½pr
Brussels	53.66-53.87	53.76-53.87	4-8ds	12-18ds
Copenhagen	10.0990-10.1420	10.1270-10.1420	¼-1⅝ds	1¼-3⅞ds
Dublin	1.0409-1.0494	1.0463-1.0494	4-8ds	16-21ds
Frankfurt	2.6064-2.6116	2.6083-2.6116	par-⅛ds	⅛-⅜ds
Lisbon	261.13-262.13	261.49-262.13	95-103ds	304-321ds
Madrid	210.45-211.27	210.97-211.27	53-63ds	163-186ds
Milan	2512.40-2519.50	2515.50-2519.50	5-7ds	17-33ds
Montreal	1.9841-1.9905	1.9876-1.9905	0.30-0.24pr	0.60-0.50pr
New York	1.4795-1.4830	1.4820-1.4830	0.26-0.24pr	0.72-0.69pr
Oslo	10.9800-11.2020	11.1860-11.2020	⅛pr-par	1⅜-⅞pr
Paris	8.8340-8.8530	8.8340-8.8480	⅞-⅛ds	1⅜-2⅛ds
Stockholm	11.7790-11.8370	11.8130-11.8370	1¼-2⅞ds	4½-6⅞ds
Tokyo	160.76-161.59	160.76-161.03	½-⅜pr	1⅝-1¼pr
Vienna	18.3200-18.3800	18.3400-18.3800	½-¼pr	1¼-⅞pr
Zurich	2.1748-2.1823	2.1792-2.1823	¼-⅛pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4780-1.4806
Australia dollar	2.0698-2.0742
Bahrain dinar	0.5525-0.5645
Brazil cruzeiro*	718.71-720.39
Cyprus pound	0.769-0.779
Finland marka	8.2845-8.4405
Greece drachma	371.0-378.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.4568-11.4662
India rupee	46.02-46.98
Kuwait dinar KD	0.436-0.446
Malaysia ringgit	4.0992-4.1050
Mexico peso	4.55-4.66
New Zealand dollar	2.5863-2.5927
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.493-5.618
Singapore dollar	2.3563-2.3595
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5268-6.5757
S Africa rand (com)	5.0815-5.0895
U A E dirham	5.378-5.502

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3966-1.3986
Austria	12.38-12.39
Belgium (Com)	36.30-36.34
Canada	1.3399-1.3409
Denmark	6.827-6.832
France	5.970-5.975
Germany	1.7618-1.7628
Hong Kong	7.7307-7.7317
Ireland	1.4188-1.4218
Italy	1697.8-1699.3
Japan	108.81-108.91
Malaysia	2.766-2.768
Netherlands	1.9738-1.9748
Norway	7.547-7.552
Portugal	176.4-176.7
Singapore	1.590-1.591
Spain	142.15-142.25
Sweden	7.9628-7.9728
Switzerland	1.46-1.48

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 5½

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¼ Low 3¾ Week fixed: 5⅛

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5. Sell: 2 mth 5; 3 mth: 4[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5¼	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	
Sterling Money Rates	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Interbank	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

Overnight: open 5⅛, close 3¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Dollar CDs	3.32-3.28	n/a	3.44-3.41	3.60-3.55	3.98-3.94
Building Society CDs	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1994 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1994 to Mar 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.70%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1994 to Jan 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.434%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3⅝-3½	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅝-5⅝	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6	6⅛-5⅞
Swiss Franc	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4	4-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞
Yen	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.60-384.00 **Close:** $384.30-384.80 **High:** $386.40-386.90 **Low:** $381.80-382.30 **Krugerrand:** $384.00-386.00 (£258.00-260.00)

Sovereigns: Old $90.00-92.00 (£60.00-62.00) New $90.00-92.00 (£60.00-62.00)

Platinum: $391.75 (£264.25) **Silver:** $5.36 (£3.615) **Palladium:** $128.50 (£86.70)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	600	43	51	61	13	29	35
(*621)	650	17	—	37	38	54	63
Argyll	240	25	34	25	9	13	17
(*259)	260	16	22	27	15	23	27
ASDA	50	11	14	15	1	3	4
(*59)	60	5	5	9	6	7	9
Boots	550	26	41	47	21	33	38
(*550)	600	6	17	26	55	65	69
Br Airways	460	41	50	54	13	22	29
(*467)	500	19	[illegible]	39	30	45	49
BP	360	29	36	44	10	16	21
(*373)	390	17	23	30	25	31	34
Br Steel	130	14	19	22	4	9	11
(*139)	140	9	14	17	9	15	16
C & W	500	35	51	50	15	27	31
(*515)	525	23	37	—	27	34	—
CU	650	34	52	58	20	31	37
(*673)	700	13	29	36	52	60	66
ICI	750	57	71	81	21	39	45
(*792)	800	27	45	55	47	59	70
Kingfisher	600	57	64	78	12	27	35
(*637)	650	27	41	52	34	52	60
Land Sec	750	39	43	51	19	31	36
(*755)	800	11	21	28	49	65	66
M & S	240	37	44	49	5	12	15
(*419)	420	19	30	32	16	24	25
Nat West	550	24	36	40	25	34	43
(*555)	600	[illegible]	21	20	64	69	74
Sainsbury	350	37	45	51	4	16	21
(*354)	360	21	29	36	21	32	35
Shell Trans	700	24	39	46	24	32	37
(*725)	750	4	19	27	60	64	70
Stand Bdg	390	37	44	57	12	22	29
(*413)	420	21	31	41	27	37	44
Storehse	220	14	21	25	8	14	17
(*222)	240	6	12	16	21	26	29
Trafalgar	115	12	17	—	8	13	—
(*117)	120	9	15	18	11	16	18
Unilever	1200	46	71	93	35	49	57
(*1217)	1250	24	47	67	65	77	85
Zeneca	750	45	69	74	27	40	51
(*774)	800	17	37	50	57	65	90

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Grnd Met	460	13	27	36	11	21	26
(*465)	500	2	11	19	41	46	52
Ladbroke	200	4	16	21	8	17	23
(*201)	220	2	9	14	21	31	33
Utd Bisc	330	35	35	38	2	10	14
(*356)	360	7	17	23	12	20	31

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
BAA	1050	51	69	84	21	40	55
(*1057)	1100	28	45	64	50	76	85
Thames W	550	49	57	62	[illegible]	22	25
(*584)	600	17	29	35	29	50	52

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAT Ind	500	24	39	44	6	22	31
(*516)	550	4	14	22	34	35	65
BTR	360	22	29	36	3	13	16
(*379)	390	4	14	22	16	29	32
Br Aero	550	32	55	74	16	41	49
(*565)	600	10	36	51	46	70	77
Br Telecom	460	12	24	32	[illegible]	15	23
(*464)	500	1	7	15	36	41	45
Cadbury	493	19	29	—	4	20	—
(*507)	542	1	7	—	38	53	—
Guinness	500	26	39	50	6	23	32
(*519)	550	3	16	28	34	54	62
GEC	330	21	29	34	2	6	13
(*348)	360	3	12	16	15	21	26
Hanson	280	14	19	22	2	9	12
(*291)	300	3	9	14	11	16	23
LASMO	130	9	17	23	2	13	19
(*135)	140	4	12	19	12	13	24
Lucas	220	8	16	20	6	13	19
(*221)	240	2	7	14	21	27	31
P&O	160	15	21	26	2	9	14
(*191)	200	3	10	16	12	19	25
Prudential	330	20	25	31	3	11	15
(*346)	360	7	12	16	17	29	32
Redland	600	24	36	48	6	31	40
(*614)	650	4	16	27	39	62	70
Royal Ins	337	14	—	—	6	—	—
(*321)	366	2	—	—	25	—	—
Tesco	200	22	27	31	2	7	10
(*216)	220	5	15	20	7	17	19
Vodafone	600	21	46	64	11	31	49
(*609)	650	4	24	42	45	60	72
Williams	360	26	35	41	11	19	19
(*386)	390	7	19	25	10	24	29

FT-SE INDEX (*3419)

	3300	3350	3400	3450	3500	3550
Calls						
Feb	131	91	56	30	15	10
Mar	154	118	90	57	43	29
Apr	172	140	110	86	65	48
May	194	163	137	106	87	65
Jun	212	—	152	—	104	—
Puts						
Feb	14	23	40	68	107	152
Mar	43	57	76	102	133	171
Apr	61	79	99	124	155	187
May	76	95	115	136	168	201
Jun	88	—	127	—	190	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abbey Nat	500	17	27	38	21	29	36
(*501)	550	2	11	19	60	63	68
Amstrad	40	7	4	11	2	4	3
(*44)	45	3	6	8	4	6	7
Barclays	550	54	62	73	7	14	23
(*597)	600	19	32	45	26	36	46
Blue Circ	360	19	27	34	12	26	35
(*363)	390	6	15	26	32	45	54
Br Gas	330	18	24	29	7	15	16
(*339)	360	5	10	15	24	34	37
Dixons	200	16	25	30	6	12	19
(*207)	220	7	15	21	16	22	30
Forte	240	22	26	32	4	12	16
(*255)	260	9	15	23	13	23	27
Hillsdwn	160	17	20	24	3	9	11
(*172)	180	6	9	14	12	21	22
Lonrho	150	13	21	25	10	16	22
(*160)	180	5	13	19	23	26	34
Sears	120	10	12	17	2	6	[illegible]
(*125)	130	4	7	9	8	12	14
Thrn EMI	1150	61	79	[illegible]	22	27	35
(*1125)	1150	25	52	[illegible]	43	52	65
Tomkins	240	24	31	37	4	7	13
(*255)	260	10	[illegible]	25	11	18	22
TSB	240	17	26	32	7	17	19
(*274)	260	5	13	22	15	24	25
Wellcome	600	55	71	80	12	20	30
(*630)	650	26	45	64	41	54	65

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Glaxo	650	44	[illegible]	[illegible]	34	49	63
(*663)	700	22	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	77	[illegible]
HSBC	1000	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	103
(*1016)	1050	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	130
Reuter	1900	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	112	135
(*1912)	1950	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
R-Royce	150	20	—	—	1	—	—
(*174)	[illegible]	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Fisons	130	12	18	24	—	13	17
(*139)	140	[illegible]	13	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	22

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastrn Elc	700	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	42
(*704)	750	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	72

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr	460	32	44	54	12	25	32
(*473)	500	12	25	36	34	44	57
Scot Pwr	420	[illegible]	[illegible]	44	7	19	22
(*444)	460	12	24	33	25	32	42

February 7, 1994 Tot: 68905 Call: 31075 Put: 37850 FT-SE Call: 12752 Put: 21704

*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: London metal exchange aluminium traders were more concerned with jitters on the stock market than output cuts. However, even though fears of a stock market crash were assuaged early in the day, significant two-way business was seen, and there were some worries that US aluminium demand may not keep up its strong pace.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	935-937	May	944-942
May	952-950	Jul	951-940
Jul	945-943	Sep	957-950
Sep	962-960	Dec	980-965
Dec	971-970		
Mar	990-992		Volume: 7476

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	[illegible]	Nov	1212-1210
May	[illegible]	Jan	1207-1202
Jul	[illegible]	Mar	1207-1202
Sep	[illegible]		Volume: 15258

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		11.45-11.60
Spot	257.50	11.20-11.40
Mar	[illegible]	11.50-12.00
May	[illegible]	10.40-12.30
Jul	[illegible]	Volume: 17

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	293.5-292.0
Spot	[illegible]	Dec	292.5-290.1
Mar	[illegible]	Mar	292.5-290.1
May	[illegible]	Vol	292.5-289.0
Aug	[illegible]		Volume: 1196

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 7

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	[illegible]	[illegible]	122.19
+/-	+5.61	+1.97	+0.64
Eng/Wales	[illegible]	1,641	122.53
+/-	[illegible]	+2.12	+0.77
(%)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scotland	[illegible]	147.60	126.60
+/-	[illegible]	+1.24	+3.36
(%)	[illegible]	-24.0	-46.4

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug		unq	Mar		unq
Sep		unq			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	97.60
May	98.50
Jul	99.50
Sep	89.55
Nov	90.90

Volume: 99

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	100.65
May	101.40
Sep	92.40
Nov	94.10
Jan	96.40

Volume: 25

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	[illegible]
Dec	[illegible]
Feb	[illegible]
Apr	[illegible]

Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	150.0	152.5
Apr	unq	167.5
May	170.0	170.4

Volume: 12

RUBBER

No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)

Mar 53.75-64.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The surplus of February loading North Sea cargoes continued to depress oil prices.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	14.60	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Feb)	14.65	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Mar)	14.30	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	15.45	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	15.50	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	154 (-1)	156 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	144 (-3)	145 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Mar	147 (-3)	149 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Apr	147 (-3)	149 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	75 (n/c)	77 (-1)
Naphtha	140 (-1)	142 (-1)

IPE FUTURES GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Feb	143.75-44.00	May	143.50-44.00
Mar	145.25-45.50	Jun	143.75-44.00
Apr	144.75-45.00	Jul	144.75-45.50
			Vol: 13389

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	14.28-14.29	Jun	14.45-14.47
Apr	14.25-14.26	Jul	14.57-14.61
May	14.31-14.33		Vol: 31311

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	149.00-49.00	May	n/a
Mar	n/a	Jun	n/a
Apr	n/a		Vol: 30

BIFFEX GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 94	unq		1160
Mar 94	1181	1178	1180
Apr 94	1225	1204	1220
Jul 94	1105	1100	1105

Vol: 105 lots. Open Int'st: 2193. Index: 1185 -2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1901.0-1962.0	1982.5-1983.0	143510
Lead ($/tonne)	505.00-505.50	516.00-519.00	125650
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1003.5-1004.0	1024.0-1024.5	518175
Tin ($/tonne)	5345.0-5355.0	5405.0-5410.0	29875
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1276.0-1277.0	1294.5-1295.0	1685825
Nickel ($/tonne)	5510.0-5415.0	5475.0-5480.0	112232

Greenspan calls the turn on American interest rates

The markets reacted fiercely to the Fed's decision to raise interest rates, but the move was widely applauded, says Wolfgang Münchau

Everyone knew it, although no one had been told officially. President Clinton had expected it. Lloyd Bentsen, the Treasury Secretary, has been forecasting it since January, and Laura Tyson, the President's chief economist, even welcomed it. Friday's rise in interest rates took nobody by surprise in Washington. Yet in New York, the reaction in financial markets was one of near panic, as the Dow Jones industrial average plunged 96.24 points.

The further away the message from the Federal Reserve Board travelled, the more distorted it became. In Europe, concerns have been raised whether this move by the Fed will push up European interest rates, and whether it will plunge the world into a new recession, before it had time to recover from the previous one.

It will not. It does signal, however, that America is further ahead in the economic cycle than the rest of the world. More generally, it shows that interest rates cannot stay at par with the rate of inflation for an indefinite period of time. The reaction in financial markets to the rise in the federal funds rate from 3 per cent to 3.25 per cent was fierce because it takes a somewhat long-term memory — at least by the standards of financial markets — to recall what it was like when interest rates went up last time. This was five years ago. George Bush had been president for only one month.

The Fed's decision on Friday was met with widespread applause, including from the Clinton White House. The open market committee simply considers the economy is in strong enough a position to weather a return to what is generally considered a "neutral" level of interest rates, after the abnormally low rates during the last few years of anaemic economic recovery.

Mr Bentsen called the Fed's decision "a pre-emptive strike" against inflation. In the words of William McChesney Martin, a former Fed governor, it was a move "to take away the punch bowl just as the party gets going". But that is an oversimplification. Some Wall Street economists predict 4 per cent by the year-end — but they will still be low by America's own historic standards and certainly when compared internationally. With inflationary expectations of about 3 per cent, real short interest rates would then be only 1 per cent, which is still much lower than anywhere in Europe. They had been zero since the end of 1992.

Earlier last week, Alan Greenspan, the Fed chairman, had given a strong hint in front of Congress's joint economic committee that a rise in interest rates was on the cards. There was only a single factor that might have caused a delay. Friday's employment report, of which the Fed received customary advance notice, suggested a smaller than expected fall in unemployment, because of the harsh winter weather. Wall Street took this as a sign that the dreaded decision would happen on another day.

When the Fed's open market committee reached its decison on Friday morning, the vote was unanimous. Or rather, it was 10-0, with two members absent. One of them was Wayne Angell, a fearless inflation hawk who had voted to raise interest rates at the previous open market committee meeting, but ended up in a 2-10 minority. Mr Angell will retire from the Fed this week.

The second absentee was David Mullins, who announced his resignation as the Fed's deputy chairman last week. Although no inflation hawk, Mr Mullins was known to have favoured a half-point percentage rise, but more for technical reasons. He argued that a half-point rise would have the advantage of being considered a complete correction, whereas a quarter-point might be seen as only the first in a series of increases.

For most Americans, whether private citizens or businessmen, the quarter point rise in the federal funds rate will have little, if any, impact on their lives. The prime rate, which determines the rates banks charge for consumer or business loans, remains unchanged at 6 per cent. The White House yesterday expressed some concern that banks may be unusually sensitive to interest rate changes, because as part of the attempt to escape from the financial squeeze at the end of the 1980s, they increased their holding of long-term government paper from an average of 11 per cent to 23 per cent, but also increased their holdings in derivatives. Thus the profitability of banks may come under pressure, which would cut the banks' scope to simply absorb the rise in the federal fund rates through lower profit margins.

The rate that matters to most private citizens — and thus to politicians — is the long-term interest rate, equivalent to the yield on the 30-year treasury bonds, which indirectly determines the cost of mortgages, currently about 7 per cent. During the market turbulence on Friday, the long bond yield behaved well, rising by only 0.14 per cent to 6.35 per cent, which is less than the rise in the Federal Fund's rate. If inflation remains subdued — a prospect that is not unrealistic — several analysts predicts that the yield may drop again below 6 per cent relatively soon. The equities markets, meanwhile, took fright at the prospect of a liquidity squeeze, and felt that they had already discounted the economic recovery to a large extent. The perception may have been new, but the underlying situation had been the same all along.

Washington, by contrast, reacted with almost total equanimity to the decision, and this even applies to Congress, where criticism of the Fed has a long and proud tradition. An exception was Senator Paul Sarbanes from Maryland, who likened the decision to a bombing raid on a farmhouse "because you think that the villain inflation is inside", when, in reality, the victim is "a happy family appreciating the restoration of economic growth".

But overall, Congressional leaders were pleased that Mr Greenspan made his decision publicly — a factor that created almost as much interest as the decision itself — ostensibly "to avoid any misunderstanding". Normally, the Fed would only "signal" its decision through its own financial market operations.

This is where the real pre-emptive strike comes in. It has nothing to do with inflation but with politics. Mr Greenspan is fending off a motion by Henry Gonzales, chairman of the House banking committee, who aims to make the Fed more accountable by forcing it to release the minutes of its open market committee meeting immediately, rather than several weeks later. By complying voluntarily, Mr Greenspan has taken away some of pressure.

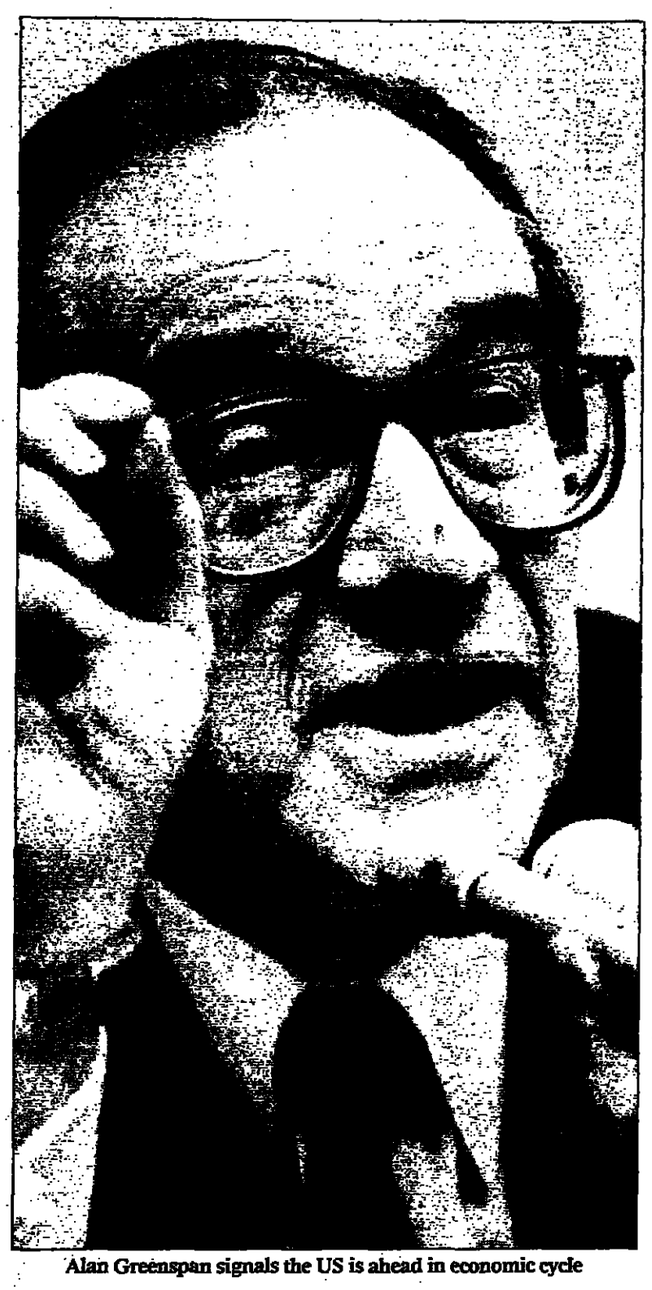
The Fed is currently caught in a balancing act to keep the Democrats in the White House and Congress happy, while pursuing a responsible monetary policy. The Fed itself is one of the last bastions of Republican power in Washington, but this is about to change. The departure of Mr Mullins and Mr Angell will allow Mr Clinton to put his own stamp on the seven-member Fed (the remaining five members of the open market committee are drawn on a rotating basis from the regional central banks). Mr Greenspan's own term will end in two years, but at the age of 70, he will not be expected to seek another term.

Judging by how reluctant the conservatives have been to raise interest rates, one can only assume that this reluctance will be even stronger under a politically mixed board. Even today, the Administration has no reason to be discontented with the Fed. Mr Bentsen said on Sunday that the "biggest controversy that I have with the chairman of the Federal Reserve was expressed yesterday on the tennis courts".

The two have regular breakfasts together, as they did on the fateful Friday morning, although Mr Bentsen was polite enough not to mention — let alone ask about — interest rates. Mr Clinton and the Fed's chairman also get on splendidly, especially since Mr Greenspan gave his full support to Mr Clinton's economic plan last year, causing bitterness among Republicans.

Far more important than an inevitable rise in short-term interest rates, both for America and the rest of the world, was yesterday's budget, and the good news on the forecast 1995 deficit of $176 billion, which is more than $100 billion less than had been forecast before Mr Clinton took office.

The return to fiscal prudence, combined with a responsible and a vigilant monetary policy, remain the best guarantors for low inflation and, ultimately, for low interest rates.



Alan Greenspan signals the US is ahead in economic cycle

TEMPUS

Shares in 'toon town

LIKE cartoon characters, bull markets carry on running over the edge of the cliff and only fall when they look down and realise there is nothing supporting them any longer. By the end of this week, yesterday's 56.3 point fall in the FT-SE 100 index may well be regarded as additional justification for the bull market. The day of judgment arrived, in the form of a rise in American interest rates, but the financial world did not fall apart. Instead, the event merely trimmed the FT-SE by 1.6 per cent, taking it back to where it stood on January 17. If the market can take such bad news almost in its stride, the bulls will reason, where else can share prices go but up?

The rise in American interest rates may well have some immediate benefits for British companies and their earnings, since any rise in the dollar and dollar-related currencies will provide additional export opportunities and a defence against imports. It will also increase the sterling value of profits from US subsidiaries. This will hearten investors who have seen share prices rise so high and now need to see some improvement in earnings.

No matter what gloss or whitewash the broking houses try to use in their determination to push the market ever higher, the fact remains that the financial world has passed the low point in the interest rate cycle. Friday's increase in the Federal Funds Rate is unlikely to be the last, since real interest rates in America are still near zero. Rising rates in America make it hard for Kenneth Clarke to reduce the base rate further. The pressure on the market will rise slowly and one day, perhaps this summer, it might suddenly realise how far above the ground it is.

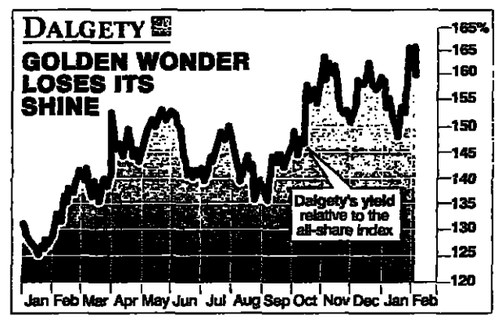
Dalgety

GIVEN the amount of corporate activity at Dalgety recently, including five acquisitions in the past six months, shareholders could have been forgiven for expecting something more than flat half-year profits and a 7 per cent fall in earnings per share. That is probably why the group felt obliged to soften their disappointment with a 0.15p increase in the dividend.

Dalgety is the latest food manufacturer to be caught up in the supermarket price battle, and the resulting margin pressure in its food business has been exacerbated by a 10 per cent fall in Golden Wonder Pot Noodle volumes, previously a bedrock of group profitability.

Wisely, Dalgety has been using its debt facilities to lessen its dependence on multiple retailer sales, which still account for a quarter of group profits. Four of last year's acquisitions were in food ingredients or agribusiness, where profit margins are not exposed to the competitive jostlings of a few major customers.

When these acquisitions contribute fully in the current half year they should offset the pressure in the food division. In addition, if a relaunch of Pot Noodle is successful it will reverse the pre-Christmas decline in volumes. Altogether this could push profits to £128 million for the year to June 30, a useful 14 per cent increase. In the meantime, the shares are well supported by a 5.6 per cent yield.



ICI

THE amount of time it has taken ICI to conclude the sale of its polypropylene interests to BASF suggests the reorganisation of the group will be neither easy nor quick. The two companies needed 13 months to close a deal worth just £60 million, even though the other half of the transaction — ICI's acquisition of BASF's acrylics operations — fell apart completely last summer. By contrast BMW managed to negotiate the £800 million acquisition of Rover in less than ten days.

The disposal was never going to be easy. ICI's polypropylene operations were part of its large complexes at Wilton, on Teeside, and Rozenburg, in The Netherlands, so there were inevitable complications over title. Far from being disheartened by such delays, ICI is determined to press ahead with other asset swaps. The polypropylene films business and the 50 per cent stake in European Vinyls Corporation are likely to be the next candidates as ICI tries to expand in areas like acrylics, which are less exposed to cyclical price fluctuations.

The disposal of lossmakers may flatter the profit and loss account in the short-term, but ICI's next asset swap really should include an acquisition. Otherwise it is shrinking its asset base and leaving itself with fewer opportunities to benefit from any recovery in industrial activity.

Pentos

DILLONS' demand for easy credit terms on its shop rents show that the pips are really squeaking in Pentos' cash flow, but the move will not sit easily with its landlords. For years, Pentos propped up its profit and loss account with the cash bonuses that property companies offered anyone who would rent their shop sites at premium rates. That cash has since been spent, but it will take a lot to convince the property companies to write it off to experience.

Bill McGrath, Pentos' new chief executive, needs an easy ride from his landlords to persuade the banks and shareholders to be equally forgiving. The company is poised to call a two-for-one rights issue at 25p next month to raise up to £20 million. This will shore up the balance sheet but will not restore it, since write-offs in the 1993 accounts could total £50 million and nearly obliterate shareholders' funds. Pentos' debts reached £86 million before Christmas, putting gearing at 200 per cent and giving Mr McGrath little room for manoeuvre in any of his negotiations. A great deal of indulgence is needed from all parties to allow this company to survive.

MARSH & MCLENNAN COMPANIES

Results for the year ended 31st December, 1993
(Unaudited)

	$ million (except per share figures) 1993	1992
Total Revenues	$3,163.4	$2,937.0
Total Expenses	2,570.6	2,396.0
Operating Income	592.8	541.0
Income Before Income Taxes	558.6	519.3
Income	332.4	303.8*
Income Per Share	$4.52	$4.21*
Dividends Paid Per Share	$2.70	$2.65

*After applying the cumulative effect of required changes in accounting principles 1992 net income and earnings per share were $263.7 million and $3.65, respectively.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Blind date broker style

IT WAS the Mother-of-all-Blind-Dates. Thirty eligible City and professional men booked for dinner into 30 different restaurants with 30 unknown female counterparts. And in homage to television's "lorra, lorra fun" Cilla, all table reservations on Saturday night were in the names ... Mr and Ms Black. In further romantic style, the Cupid behind the impressive logistics of kindling Square Mile relationships — a leading female stockbroker — requested anonymity yesterday after "a very successful and funny evening". When she put aside dividend yields to play matchmaker, stockbrokers, accountants, surveyors, business people (and four showjumpers) queued up for the chance of meeting Mr/Ms Right. Speaking from her eyrie near Broadgate, the organiser said: "I have many single friends and it can be hard to meet people in the City. Initially, when I suggested it, people were horrified, but soon loads of people were enthusiastic. I think the guys began wondering about how few girls they met in everyday working life. It's been a riot." The contestants (sorry, participants) met in two pubs in trendy Notting Hill, west London, females in the Slug and Lettuce, and men in the Beach Blanket Babylon. Tantalising envelopes were handed out containing the secret restaurant assignations. At the end of the evening, the couples, no longer strangers in the night, joined up to party at a third Wil pub, The Walmer Castle. And has romance flowered from the City's equivalent of Operation Desert Storm? "I think some will," said Ms Cupid. "I also made sure there were no six foot women paired with four foot men."

SPOTTED under Items for Sale: Rover Owners! Get your retaliation in first." My Other Rover is a BMW."

Empty seat

THERE was an empty seat on the Sunday flight to Accra — for the honourable reason that Smith New Court would not sign a two-page "condition of travel" document that had been thrust under the noses of the party of mining analysts invited to visit the Lonrho-managed Ashanti gold mine before next month's London float. Brokers James Capel and Morgan Stanley required analysts to sign an undertaking that if analysts were to issue circulars to their clients then their material had to be published by Friday — alternatively they had to wait until 40 days after the flotation — and that all copy was to be vetted by Capel/Morgan before publication. As if that is not unsettling enough, at the weekend a "Save Ashanti Goldfields Campaign" popped up in Ghana that seeks to challenge the Ghanaian government's planned sale of 25 per cent of Ashanti, which triggers the London float. How not to win friends, and influence people.



West: joining the partners

Breaking ranks

CAZENOVE, that blue-blooded stockbroker founded in 1823, and currently sporting 56 partners (all male) on its letterhead, is to have a female partner among its hallowed ranks after all these years. Anne West, 43, who has been with Cazenove for five years, has spent ten years in the Far East, and today manages £400 million of funds on the Far Eastern desk, joins the partners' ranks, along with six new chaps, on May 1. Retiring joint senior partner, John Kemp-Welch, will not tell me if there are any special quirks at Cazenove that a woman partner might find odd, adding "there has never been a reason why the firm should not have had a woman partner".

AN ADVERTISING slogan for Glisdome, a plastics product used under filing cabinets and hefty sofas to help them glide across the floor describes the items as "probably the best little mover since Michael Jackson".

Out in the cold

FEBRUARY has not, so far, been a good month for Sophie Hull. Last week, she was made redundant from her job heading corporate communications at Gartmore, almost exactly a year after she left Hill Samuel. Sophie, who had been at Gartmore five months, had helped steer the company through a successful flotation despite the FT-SE falling 60 points within hours of the price of shares in the investment group being fixed. The issue was, in the event, oversubscribed. Sophie is back in the market again, but will have plenty of time to organise a wonderful first anniversary celebration for her husband John Maher. The couple married on February 27.

Strap hanging

WHATEVER next? A commuter who injured himself while travelling on a Tube train when the strap he was holding on to broke, has been accused of negligence. London Underground contends that the unfortunate passenger is to blame for his injuries, either because he did not take a seat, or because he did not grab a metal bar, or because he pulled on the strap with too much force. So if you are reading this on an Underground train and you are: (a) standing up, or: (b) holding on to a strap with too much force — shame on you!

Down Jones

THE Press Association spared nothing to get into stock market crash mode yesterday. In a report headed "Panic selling wipes £22 billion off shares prices", it renamed Wall Street's bellwether the "Down Jones" index.

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Earlier losses halved

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 31. Dealings end February 11. §Contango day February 14. Settlement day February 21. ‡Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT. HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	345	Abbey Nt	502	+ 4	11.8	3.0	19.4
314	179	Alfred Irish	278	-11	...	3.7	14.2
369	130	Ass New Z	262½	+ 6½	...	3.5	53.6
3930½	2712½	Bankamerica	3950	+25	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	305	-14	...	4.9	20.9
375	325	Bk Lesotho Ltd	375	...	17.0	5.7	...
347	116½	Bank Scotland	328	+ 3½	4.9	2.9	20.7
683	562	Barclays	597	+18	...	2.8	...
54	19½	Carlisle	50½	- ½	...	...	...
650	395	Close Allen	638	+14	28.0	5.5	...
180	85	Cadiz	165	- 6	...	3.4	25.0
2682½	1543½	Chase Manh	2300	...	...	...	...
2912½	1943½	Citicorp	2712½	-137½	...	...	...
566	250	Close Bros	543	-14	...	2.5	19.7
1153½	917½	Commerzbk	1135½	-25½	...	2.8	...
2340½	1250½	Deutsche Bk	2303½	+13½	...	2.0	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	95 †	- 3	...	2.2	...
1651½	876	Fuji Bank Y	1379½	- 7½	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	496	-15	21.5	5.4	13.2
1112	690	HSBC	1016	-43	30.0	2.5	24.3
1135	674	HSBC Hk	1035	-30	30.0	2.4	24.8
773	243	Hambros	443	-15	14.5	4.0	20.5
438	313	Joseph (L)	438	...	16.7	4.5	...
170	96	King Shaxson	165	+ 3	9.0	6.8	...
693	312	Kleinwort Ben	665	-22	16.7	3.1	23.1
699	492	Lloyds	615	-10	19.1	3.9	17.9
178	63	Lon Scot Bk	168 †	- 3	3.5	3.2	∞
620½	422	Nat Aust Bk	607½	+ 5½	...	3.4	14.8
624	398	Nat West	556	-13	17.8	4.0	33.8
573	270	Provident	522	-12	12.4	3.0	27.8
67	39	Rea Bros	63	+ 1	0.5	1.1	67.0
228	207	Ryl Bk Scot	208 †	-13	...	3.7	22.9
1425	975	Saturday's	1405	-16	...	1.1	26.0
1437	976	Stand Chart	1380	-51	20.5	1.9	...
291	147½	TSB	273½	- ½	...	3.5	21.2
197	78	Union Disc	191	- 6	...	...	...
1012	529	Warburg SG	974	-32	...	2.5	14.2
9262½	4841½	Wells Fargo	8740	-420	...	5.1	...
360	121	Westpac	351	- 6	...	2.2	∞
349	188	Wintrust	340	...	...	3.1	34.6

BREWERIES

667	517	Allied-Lyons	634 †	-11	...	4.3	17.3
647	441	Bass	595 †	- 4	...	4.5	14.5
298	198	Boddington	278	- 5	7.5	3.4	16.2
458	362	Bulmer (HP)	450 †	- 3	...	2.9	18.1
193	129	Burnonvd Brw	172 †	- 2	4.7	3.5	14.4
181	75	Eldridge P 'A's	164	- 4	...	2.7	22.7
78½	50	Fenters, Brewing	61½	-1½	...	4.9	74.0
465	338	Fullr Sm 'A's	463	- 2	7.6	2.0	19.4
576	573	Grand Met	563 †	- 3	...	3.5	18.0
511	347	Greenalls Grp	464 †	- 3	...	3.3	18.0
1366	705	Greene King	1350	- 3	...	2.8	15.5
542	338	Guinness	522	- 2	...	2.9	19.5
98	31	Halkin Hldgs	69†	- 3½	...	...	54.3
281	200	Hardy Hanso	261 †	...	...	5.1	14.0
180	105	Hawthorns A	180	...	3.6	2.0	∞
446	255	Highland Dist	439	- 7	...	1.9	21.8
3225	2538	Hsd I	3225	+75	42.0	1.6	21.0
186	113	Macallan-Glen	168	- 2	4.3	3.7	39.2
1366	1055	Scot & Newc	1355	...	...	2.2	19.5
302	251	Mrsyn Thmp	296	- 1	...	2.3	16.5
595	238½	Matthew Clark	568	-11	...	4.0	32.1
300	215	Morrowns W	215	- 5	7.0	3.4	20.8
580	455	Morland	523 †	-20	...	2.3	18.0
12	6½	Paramount Re	10½	- ½	...	1.8	18.5
249	145	Regent Inns	249	+ 2	...	2.3	55.3
1553½	1324½	SA Breweries	1381½	-18½	...	2.0	22.5
591	393	Scot & Newc	541 †	- 4	...	3.9	16.6
225	159	Taunton Cider	175 †	- 5	6.2	4.5	13.7
306	213	Vaux Group	292 †	- 4	...	4.1	18.9
420	236	Wolverhmpton JD	414	- 6	...	1.8	32.1
617	435	Whitbread 'A'	587	- 8	...	3.0	17.4
613	463	Wolvrhmpton D	580	- 8	...	2.9	15.4
528	475	Young 'A'	525	- 3	14.7	3.5	21.7

BUILDING, ROADS

345	73	Abbey	305 †	...	...	1.2	33.7
27	12	Albrighton A	23 †	...	...	0.5	...
200	67	Allen	196	- 4	...	3.2	44.4
159	66	Amec	151	- 3	3.0	2.5	27.0
4	4	Anglia Sec 12	3	...	...	...	...
369	150	Ashtead	378	-10	...	1.5	40.0
157	101	Ashwoods	150	- 5	...	4.2	...
263	180	BPB Ind	257	+ 2	...	2.7	42.7
187	57	Baggeridge Brk	123 †	- 1	...	3.2	37.0
41	18	Bailey (Eng) Con	37	...	0.6	2.0	...
108	68	Barcon	70 †	- 2	...	5.4	9.4
57	32	Barden	54	- 1	2.0	4.6	26.6
258	94	Barratt Devs	236	- 1	...	1.8	29.7
182	152	Bellway	179	- 1	...	2.7	29.2
99	15	Bellwinch	58	...	...	...	...
236	221	Bertcord Ind	224 †	- 5	...	...	...
594	295½	Berkeley Gp	558 †	- 5	...	1.4	30.1
151	95	Blue Bros	145	- 5	...	1.7	18.7
89	36	Bloddern	83	+12	1.8	1.5	...
201	189	Blue Circle	364	- 1	...	3.9	...
355	230	Bool (Henry)	335	- 7	6.0	2.2	18.7
117	78	Brendon PLC	117	+ 4	6.6	4.9	28.8
145	82	Br Dredging	143	...	5.3	3.7	31.7
86	45	Brit Fittings	81	+ 2	1.7	2.7	...
197½	99	Bryant	191	+ 5	...	3.2	28.8
146	53	CALA	143	- 2	...	2.0	...
200	160	CRH	171	- 2	...	2.3	39.4
51	18	Calcdrnad Hdy	51	- ½	...	...	...
42	21	Costain	40½	- ½	...	...	...
190	86½	Crouprysside	173	- 4	...	3.0	∞
114	35½	Crest Nicholson	112	- 2	...	1.1	...
140	27	Cussons	133	- 7	...	0.9	...
25½	15	Edmond Hdgs	23½	+ ½	0.3	1.6	...
278	178	Epwin	263	- 2	7.0	2.0	24.8
82	32	Erith	76	- 2	0.5	0.6	...
306	252	Ewe Groupsa	458	- 2	...	2.4	17.3
244	97	Freeman Gpa	220	- 2	5.0	2.8	35.0
58	20	Galliford	58	- 2	...	2.3	...
91	52	Gibbs & Dandy	88	- 3	...	2.8	...
1025	995	Glenrye (NU)	1018	- 7	...	1.6	17.7
177½	75	Hewden-Stuart	170	- 3	...	2.0	36.4
51	28	Hewerson	50	...	...	3.2	36.5
494	173	Heywd Wm	453 †	- 5	13.0	4.0	...
145	57	Higgs & Hill	127	- 6	2.5	2.5	...
38	26	Hole Gp	30	- 3	...	4.7	...
58	15	Howard Hldgs	25	- 1	0.5	2.5	...
45	39	Hsuock Johnsen	39	...	1.0	14	...
25	17½	Jarvis	23½	- ½	...	2.1	...
407	196	Laing (J)	394	+13	9.0	3.9	15.8
154	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	151½	- 2½	...	5.3	...
145	55	Ln Clydesdale A	138 †	...	...	6.3	27.1
230	100	Lovell (Y)	163	- 7	...	2.1	74.0
205	240	Manders	399	- 1	9.3	2.7	26.4
215	95	Marley	193	- 3	4.2	2.7	56.8
150	61	Marshalls	150 †	+ 2	...	3.3	...
257	132	Maunders Cl	248	- 5	...	2.0	23.9
259	96	Mcalpine (A)	228	- 2	8.5	2.9	48.1
82½	33	Mitchell & S	76	- 3	0.5	0.8	...
568½	292	Moger Ins	550	+ 4	...	2.3	55.1
188½	62	Mowlem (J)	176	+ 2	4.0	2.8	...
106	51	NSM	105	-11	...	...	...
53	46	Needler	46	...	...	3.9	21.5
196	160	Newman Tnks	191	- 5	...	4.4	25.3
381	197	Persimmon	373	- 3	8.6	2.9	38.1
25	9	Phoenix Timber	14	- ½	...	...	...
1780½	1237½	Pochins	1740½	+ 9½	20.0	2.0	25.5
193	80	Prowting	183	+ 4	3.4	2.3	...
1069	555	RMC Gp	980	-17	...	2.6	35.7
117	75½	Raine Ind	106	- 6	...	3.3	25.1
36	16	Ramsaw	28 †	...	...	...	...
640	402	Redland	613	...	25.0	5.1	35.7
66	64	Ronkel	71	- 2	4.3	7.6	10.5
371	207	Rugby Group	324	- 9	6.4	2.5	24.8
68	23	Svrtld-Rvrs	58	- 2	...	0.5	...
189	68	Sharpe & Fisher	181	- 6	...	2.8	31.5
276	86	Sheffield Ind	270	- 5	...	2.5	66.3
268	82	Sheriff Hdgs	258 †	- 2	...	1.8	24.6
130	90	Smarons	110	- 1	5.2	5.9	25.0
245	145	Smart (J)	230	-10	...	4.6	17.3
9½	1½	Starmin	3	...	...	...	...
204½	700	Tarmac	189½	- 4½	5.5	3.0	...
231	131	Tay Homes	223	- 2	...	3.1	38.8
183	63	Taylor Woodrw	162	- 3½	3.0	0.8	...
755	433	Tilbury Dougls	745	-10	33.0	5.5	24.2
60	19	Torex Hires	57 †	- 3	...	1.3	...
350	164	Travis Perkins	348	- 9	8.0	2.9	61.3
97	57	Trocadrwood	259	- 2½	...	...	...
43	25	Try Group	32	- 1	1.0	3.9	9.1
28	21	Tudors	21	...	0.2	1.5	...
112	41	Vibroplant	109	- 2	2.5	2.9	30.2
74	30	Ward Hldgs	68	- 2	...	...	...
45	35	Wernicks	40	- 2	...	...	...
473	360	Watts Blake	455	- 5	...	3.3	19.6
229½	93	Westbury	217	- 7	5.0	2.4	33.9
7	3	Wiggins	4½	- ½	...	...	...
566	363	Wilson Bowdn	564	- 1	...	2.0	30.7
254	147	Wilson (C)	251	- 1	3.9	2.8	43.5
239	104	Wimpey G	230	...	...	2.9	...
47	15	YRM	28	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

89½	46.3	ADT	67½	-15	...	...	...
398	198	Adam & Harvey	370	+ 2	13.0	4.4	9.8
92	56	Air London a	68	- 1	3.5	6.4	12.1
57	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	4.3	...
179	97	Auto Sec	133½	-39	...	5.7	23.9
162	84	BET Ord	147	- 5	...	1.9	5.9
141	101	BNB Res	141	- 4	2.0	1.6	26.6
316	193	BPP	288	+ 6	8.3	4.2	13.7
179	112	BSM	172	- 2	...	2.6	15.7
438	313	Barbour Index	399	...	...	3.8	14.3
78	15	Boustead	32	- 1	0.5	1.6	...
206	194	Brit Data Mgt	208	+ 4	4.7	2.6	15.2
41	11	Broadcastline	15	- 1	...	1.2	21.5
78	48	Bronco Servics	75	- 1	...	0.8	...
110	56	CRT Gp	109	- 1	...	3.3	19.5
260	139½	Capita Group	241	-11	...	1.3	32.9
58	31	Carlton Cmns	49	- ½	...	2.0	22.1
55	18	Chiltern Capital	36	...	...	...	...
23	20	Christie	23	- 1	...	...	...
231	228	Chubb Sec	227	- 3	...	1.7	25.3
152	92	Comacc	110	- 3	...	1.7	38.7
68	47	Corp Services	47	- 1	...	...	...
49	20	Coutts Cnslg	47	- 1	...	...	...
178	58	Dart	158	- 9	3.3	2.6	21.6
274	198	Davis Service	271	- 2	...	3.7	28.4
148	85	EW Expo	143	- 2	...	4.0	14.0
34	11	Gardiner	30	- 2	0.7	3.0	∞
334	215	Hays	332	+ 1	...	2.1	28.1
289	174	Hogg Robinsn	284	- 3	...	3.0	30.7
70	34	Holdmt Protectn	56	- 1	...	...	...
366½	127	Hunt Whamp	329	-35	...	1.5	27.1
2960½	473	ISS N DK:	2960½	+ 6½	...	0.8	18.6
837	475	Inchcape	572	-15	...	3.1	16.6
1085	669	Johnson Clean	1025	-10	25.7	3.1	22.5
12	7	Lep	7	...	...	...	...
358	173	Mide Gp	353	- 5	4.0	1.4	24.3
1234½	893½	Manpower	1121½	-19½	...	...	...
70	40½	Michael Page	70	+ 1½	1.8	2.9	32.7
219	110	Pentasa	110	- 2	5.0	9.1	4.1
5	2	Prime Proplcs	4½	...	...	...	...
145	57	Proudfoot Ass	88	- 5	...	21.3	4.9
623	237	RCO	605	-10	15.2	2.5	13.3
118	86	REA	109	...	2.0	2.3	...
7	4	Reed Executive	12½	- 1	...	...	...
156	105	Reliance Secs	152 †	- 1	6.5	4.4	33.3
172	78	Rentokil	165	- 3	2.5	1.5	23.0
368	220	Rotfe & Nolan	362	- 5	...	2.6	24.9
390	308	Sanyem (C)	338 †	- 6	...	3.3	20.1
58	36	Scot Pacific Ord	56	- 2	0.8	1.9	17.5
19	5	Select Appts	14½	- ½	...	...	...
1236	695	Sprnt Gp	1230	+ 9	13.5	1.2	36.8
352	93	Sherwd Cmpa	99	- 4	...	8.8	2.9
130	90	Sterchley	122	- 3	...	3.1	27.9
355	310	Warner Howard	331	- 1	6.6	2.5	12.3
45	27	Welpac	30	- 1	...	...	...
29½	14	Wilis Gp	29	...	...	1.7	20.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

279	210	Allied Colloids	275 †	- 4	...	2.0	25.3
1080	613	Amersham	1034	+10	...	1.7	29.9
7	1½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
5119½	3325	BASF Dfd	5111½	+107½	...	5.7	...
373	199	BTP	353 †	- 4	...	3.6	20.7
6143½	4101½	Bayer DM50	6134½	+56½	...	3.9	...
178	105	Blagden	168	...	6.5	4.8	18.1
165	93	Brent Chems	122	- 3	...	7.6	11.2
530	340	Br Bio-Tech	380	...	...	...	...
29	5	Caird Gp	11½	- 1	...	...	31.2
191	126	Channing (W)	190	...	7.2	4.9	21.8
604	421	Courtaulds	529	-10	...	3.4	13.2
376	228	Croda	362	- 7	...	2.7	20.8
149	105	Dvelba	122	- 7	4.6	4.7	9.4
279	175	Ellis & Everard	273 †	- 5	...	3.3	22.9
29	19½	Euro Colour	26	- 2	0.8	2.8	18.7
351	259	Halscad Ut	342	- 4	...	2.6	16.9
241	150	Hickson	198	- 5	...	5.1	14.1
112½	6250	Hoechst	1114½	+43½	...	3.2	...
229	157	Hrshltcn Chem	189	- 1	...	2.4	17.4
815	606	ICI	793	-18	...	4.3	...
457	376	Laporte	434	- 1	18.9	3.0	23.0
248	181	Leigh	219	+11	...	6.5	19.3
97½	35	MTM	90	- 2	...	...	...
2350½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2287½	+65½	...	1.2	32.9
618	370	Paterson Zoch	578	+13	...	2.7	19.5
55½	2nd	-do- 'A'	545	- 3	...	2.9	18.1
256	193	Plysu	226	- 6	...	3.7	20.1
303	173	Powdr	270	- 3	3.8	1.6	31.0

DRAPERY, STORES

102	53	Alstom	77	+ 1	...	4.0	...
268	173	Allders	228	- 7	...	3.3	17.8
410	257	Argos Plc	372	- 3	...	2.2	31.8
25	8	Ashley Group	9½	...	...	2.2	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	100	...	0.1	0.1	...
357	276	Asprey	340	- 5	5.2	1.5	21.9
199	94	Austin Reed	194	- 5	...	1.6	...
168	125	Bearnk (J) 'A'	165	- 2	...	4.8	18.6
150	94	Bentalls	145	- 5	1.9	1.6	...
278	185	Beterware	255	- 1	...	2.0	16.2
47	22	Blacks Leis	42	- 1	2.2	6.7	...
261½	133	Body Shop	257	+ 4	...	0.9	73.1
19½	8	Brown, & Jackson	9½	- ½	...	1.0	5.0
491	318	Brown (N)	486	- 1	...	1.9	28.4
67½	55	Burton	57½	- ½	...	4.3	...
245	126	Cantors	235	- 9	...	2.1	32.9
520	295	Church	483	-12	12.5	3.2	43.0
183	97	Clinton Cards	158	- 7	4.3	3.4	19.1
297	212	Coats Viyella	277	- 1	...	3.6	38.2
120	78	Colourvision a	94 †	...	5.6	2.5	16.7
181	154	City Casuals	165	- 4	...	3.1	15.3
935	376	Courts Furnish	875	- 4	9.6	0.8	11.0
168	115	Crown Eyes	165	...	7.5	5.7	11.3
137	89	Dairy Farm Ind	121½	...	...	3.0	17.8
1099	514	Dewhirst (J)	108	- 1	0.8	0.8	34.7
295	189	Dixons Grp	208 †	- 2	...	3.8	...
21	8	ERA Gp	9½	...	...	...	69.7
580	400	Ehys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
264	71	Essex Firm	245	- 5	...	1.8	20.2
203	133	Etam	198	- 5	7.0	3.4	17.3
908	499	Fine Art Dev	528	- 6	13.8	3.1	17.2
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	48	...	...	...	...
713	498	Formlesser	708 †	- 2	14.5	2.6	12.9
198	24	French Conn a	180	- 5	...	...	...
74	43	Gens Sz	67	- 1	...	1.9	20.8
100	23	Goldentobs Gp	88	- 1	0.3	0.4	...
334	GUS		603	-11	...	2.4	18.5
40	21	Hampden Grps	25	...	...	5.0	12.4
277	30	Harrstone	78	- 1½	3.0	8.6	15.8
329	83	Helene Plc	294	- 1½	2.0	0.6	17.8
110	39	Heritage a	82	- 3	...	...	...
35	15	Honeysuckle a	75	- 3	...	3.8	11.0
211	63	Jacques Vert	195	- 1	...	2.3	14.8
486	296	Kingfisher	457	- 5	...	2.7	17.4
82	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	62	- 1	4.0	6.1	16.5
685	696	Liberty	561	- 2	7.2	1.7	63.9
380	241	Lloyds Chem	354	- 7	...	2.6	12.4
180	120	MFI	170 †	...	...	2.5	...
46½	31	Marks Spencer	43½	- ½	...	2.3	21.4
680	445	Menzies (John)	665	- 5	...	2.1	17.3
277	138	Moss Bros	267	...	5.5	2.1	92.5
1291	139½	Next	234	- 4	3.5	1.5	37.9
44	18	Oliver (G)	44	...	...	...	...
335	197	Oriflame Ind	320 †	- 4	...	1.8	15.7
63	24	Person	32	- 3	0.8	3.1	6.7
87	39	P B P	82	- 1	3.0	3.5	∞
55	30	Peel	48	- 1	3.4	6.5	24.5
238	115	Pegasus a	230	- 4	...	3.5	59.0
11044½	9000	Philips Fn 4%	11044½	...	...	5.5	...
1678½	725	-do- Ltrp rv	1609½	-69½	...	...	...
415	211	Photostyle a	309	-10	...	...	...
327	171½	Price	325	- 1	...	1.6	27.2
317	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	315	- 1	...	1.6	28.4
49	4½	Speciality a	13	...	...	1.6	...
170	70	Stormhouse	222 †	- 8	...	3.8	22.0
198	140	T & S Stores	178	- 4	6.0	4.2	13.2
173	71	Tie Rack	162	- 2	1.0	0.8	36.5
268	160	Time Products	257	- 5	7.7	3.8	22.2
415	211	Thorn (Franklin)	328	- 2	6.0	2.0	11.0
465	302	Vendome	452	- 8	...	1.7	14.0
45	27	Viyar	35	- 1	1.0	3.6	10.8
85	42	WEW Group	58	- 4	...	2.9	43.5
69	34	Wensum a	68	...	1.8	4.9	...
129	76	Wickes	120	- 3	...	0.2	35.5
89	45	Wld of Leathers	89	...	...	...	...
195	142	Wyevale	190	- 4	...	2.8	25.0
4	2	Xtra-vision a	2	- ½	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

187	134	ACT Group	173	- 1	...	3.6	17.4
275	223	Acals	263	...	...	3.1	18.4
490	385	Admiral	488	...	5.7	1.5	20.6
148	104	Allen	139	- 2	...	3.3	21.0
58	19½	Alphameric	38	- 1	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	44½	- 3	...	1.4	...
159	91	App Holos a	93	- 2	...	...	...
43	9½	Atlen	36	- 1	...	...	...
88	35½	Astec	85	...	...	0.4	...
251	230	Azlan	247	- 3	...	1.4	31.9
293	224	Beales Hunter	278 †	...	...	4.3	17.0
9	2	Bennett & Fount	3½	...	...	...	...
478	319	BICC	461	- 9	16.2	5.2	...
558	408	Blick	523	-11	...	2.5	19.1
1700	925	Bortland a	925	-62½	...	...	...
384	270	Bownmore	368	- 9	...	2.3	24.4
499½	376	BT	463½	- 4½	...	4.3	17.9
252½	190	BT PrP	376 †	- 4	...	4.3	22.0
51	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18	- 1	0.1	0.7	...
160	48	Burnfield	71	- 3	5.7	10.1	11.2
543	334½	Cable Wireless	514 †	-21	...	1.9	28.9
33	11½	Chloride	32	- ½	...	...	...
276	229	CML Micro a	268	- 7	4.7	2.2	19.5
137	74	Comptr People	135	- 1	...	...	...
202	108	Cray Elect	194 †	- 3	...	1.1	19.1
441	243	Crtchley	440	- 3	...	1.1	24.2
560	414	Delta	531	- 8	...	3.3	22.2
563	205	Denmanc Ele	560 †	- 3	...	1.4	18.0
628	395	Domino	530	- 5	7.9	1.9	∞
77	48	Dowding Mills	74	- 1	...	6.2	31.7
1605	8p6	Druck a	1605 †	...	10.3	0.8	32.2
589	358	Electrocomputs	553	- 9	...	1.9	31.1
710	470	El Data Prc	558	-25	...	1.2	15.8
175	43	Electron House	156	-12	...	2.2	22.2
32½	10½	Emess	32	...	0.1	0.4	...
774	442	Eurotherm	753 †	-13	...	1.6	25.7
211	108	FKI	199½	- 5	...	2.1	28.6
650	340	Farnell Elec	609	-14	...	1.4	32.2
81	23	Feedback a	70	- 3	...	2.8	9.5
336	181	First Tech	325 †	-10	...	0.8	27.1
230	81	Forward Gp a	215	-14	4.0	2.3	15.2
22½	13½	Forward Tech	18	- 1	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	348 †	- 1½	10.4	3.7	17.4
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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
51 Belmont Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1RZ
0895 259 783

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Grofund Amer	170.70	179.60	-2.60	...
Grofund Equity	255.20	270.10	-5.10	1.26
Grofund Euro	202.50	213.20	-3.90	...
Grofund Expt Bal	123.80	128.30	...	0.99
Grofund Gilt	81.39	83.91	-0.54	4.34
Grofund Japan	179.30	188.70	-1.20	...

AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry
0203 553 231

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General Acc	547.10	582.10	-14.60	2.08
General Inc	492.80	524.30	-13.30	2.08
UK Growth Acc	372.60	396.40	-10.50	2.26
UK Growth Inc	260.90	277.60	-7.30	2.26
Higher Inc Acc	701.80	746.60	-17.80	3.15
Higher Inc Inc	419.70	446.50	-10.60	3.15
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	193.50	204.30	-1.20	5.45
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	98.91	104.40	-0.60	5.45
Nth America	257.20	273.70	-7.70	...
Far East	374.30	398.20	-9.10	...
Europe	276.40	294.10	-9.00	0.49
Brit Excell	73.74	78.45	-2.10	2.39
Brit Fndmtls Acc	105.70	112.50	-2.60	3.95
Brit Fndmtls Inc	82.26	85.39	-1.92	3.95
Global Opps	85.44	90.90	-2.05	...
Balanced Acc	56.32	59.92†	-1.40	2.15
Balanced Inc	55.82	59.39†	-1.39	2.15

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	141.90	150.40	...	5.32
High Inc Equity	178.80	190.20†	-3.40	3.83
Worldwide Bond	271.20	287.50†	-0.20	3.65
Capital Growth				
American Growth	311.00	332.60†	-8.20	.95
Asian Pacific	388.00	412.70	-14.90	...
Assets & Earnings	283.80	301.90	-6.00	1.71
Comdty & Energy	133.70	142.20	-3.10	.39
1992 Enterprise	97.51	104.20	-2.10	1.39
Euro Capital Inc	132.60	141.80	-2.10	.68
General	246.00	261.70†	-5.50	2.08
Japan	128.90	137.80	-0.80	...
Mastertrust	149.40	159.70	-2.80	.81
UK Growth Dist	148.70	158.10	-4.30	1.67
US Emerging Cos	141.30	150.30	-4.20	...
Income & Growth	416.80	443.10	-7.70	2.96
Ethical	78.54	83.56	-1.75	1.99
International	122.70	130.50	-2.10	.14
Dividend & Growth	66.18	70.40†	-1.28	3.61
Global Gwth & Ser	64.87	69.01	-0.02	2.56

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS
031 220 0733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Small Cos	1859.0	1936.0	...	...

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
0800 833 580

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Aberdeen Portfolio	65.24	66.35†	-1.61	0.75
Amer Inc & Growth	46.34	49.03	-0.77	0.64
Cash	50.36	50.36	+0.02	4.77
European	108.00	114.60†	-2.70	...
European Income	102.40	108.50	-2.10	1.37
Exempt	1123.3	1162.3†	-19.90	3.27
Extra Income	56.45	61.22	-1.59	4.30
Far East Emg Ecn	122.90	132.30	-3.20	0.48
Fixed Interest	27.09	28.92	-0.13	6.38
Fund Inv Tst	189.70	202.50	-7.20	0.84
Japan	197.50	210.30	-1.20	...
Latin American	85.07	90.31	-0.18	0.55
Pacific	77.85	83.38	-1.77	0.32
Property Share	79.81	85.20†	-1.70	1.54
UK Emerging Cos	73.11	78.04†	-1.48	1.60
UK Growth	47.99	51.62	-1.39	2.28
World Growth	80.40	85.82	-1.88	0.64
Ethical	69.72	74.43	-1.19	2.38
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	55.27	55.27	-0.31	7.41

ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Income	99.61	105.97†	-1.88	2.76
UK Equity Growth	88.65	94.31	-1.68	1.99
European	68.23	72.59	-2.08	0.62
Nth American	68.93	73.33	-0.99	0.95
Far Eastern	75.83	80.67	-0.37	0.31
Money	65.29	65.29†	+0.02	3.78
Fixed Interest	73.77	78.48†	-0.29	6.19
Index Linked Gilt	69.33	73.75	-0.53	1.10

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF
031 549 3232

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Growth	75.85	80.69	-1.54	2.12
British Income	84.73	90.14	-1.73	2.87
Select Portfolio	42.47	38.37	+0.35	...

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR
0452 305 958

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amity Income	81.19	86.14	-1.66	1.86
Income Builder Inc	72.30	76.92†	-1.72	2.58

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	263.00	281.10	-1.30	2.69
Capital	462.10	493.90	-0.20	1.57
Balanced	765.50	818.30	-3.00	2.22
Accumulator	1361.0	1454.0	-6.00	2.63
Income Trusts				
American Income	50.88	54.39†	+0.23	3.27
High Income	460.90	492.70	-2.30	3.18
Equity Income	258.40	276.20†	-1.20	3.16
High Yield	285.10	304.70	-1.60	3.08
Govt Securities	35.75	37.72	-0.12	4.85
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	141.40	151.10	+0.50	0.23
European Growth	35.63	37.91	+0.17	0.42
International	173.10	184.80†	+1.30	0.32
Japan	221.10	235.70†	+0.50	0.01
Pacific	463.00	494.90†	+3.70	0.16
Secs of America	447.20	475.60†	+3.20	0.58
Wwide Asset Val	50.81	54.30	+0.23	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	582.00	622.10	-1.90	2.01
Conv & Gilt	52.24	55.84†	+0.12	3.47
Smaller Cos	192.90	206.30†	+0.60	1.13
2nd Smaller Cos	184.40	197.10	+0.70	1.12
Recovery	159.90	170.90	-0.40	1.63
Met Min & Cmty	167.00	178.50	+0.80	0.70
Oseas Earnings	386.40	413.00†	-0.50	1.90
Technology	165.50	176.90	+0.50	0.02
UK Special Sits	500.80	535.30	-0.40	1.80

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cntrctd Out Pens	107.80	111.90	...	1.45
Foundtn Persl Pens	69.29	71.98	...	4.00

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE
071 251 6767

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	75.39	80.20†	-1.40	2.53
International	66.99	71.26	...	0.47

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
America	305.60	330.10	-4.90	...
Bond	127.60	134.20	-0.50	5.85
Brit Smlr Cos	107.40	114.30	-1.60	0.91
Conv & Gen	68.13	72.71†	-0.92	4.79
Energy	466.50	505.70	-11.40	0.22
Europe	236.20	251.30	-4.80	0.45
Euro Smlr Cos	104.70	111.20	-2.30	0.85
Income Gwth	380.80	406.40	-6.40	3.77
Japan	333.80	355.00	-2.50	...
Pacific	122.90	130.40	-4.80	0.62
UK Smlr Cos	54.05	57.50	-0.83	0.76
Japan Fd	772.60	794.90†	-4.10	...
Mngd Fd	183.20	194.80	-3.70	2.51

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit & Oseas	308.60	324.80	...	1.12
Capital Gwth	124.40	130.90	...	2.07
Wwide Opps	205.20	216.00	...	0.44

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Bist Inv Fd Inc	376.90	392.60	-8.00	2.20
European Bd Inc	98.93	102.40†	-0.40	7.20
Exempt	82.13	87.63	-1.54	3.53
Financial	82.68	88.42	-2.17	1.91
500.00	499.50	534.30	-9.60	2.01
General	294.80	315.30	-5.00	2.14
Property	247.50	264.70	...	5.54
Trustee	201.70	215.70†	-4.00	1.68
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.40	100.40†	+0.10	4.58
Extra Income	129.10	138.10	-2.00	3.63
Gilt & Fxd Int	63.42	65.56	-0.20	7.60
Income	581.70	622.20†	-11	3.58
Income Builder	71.88	76.47	-1.22	4.19
Intl Income	72.38	77.00†	-1.34	2.64
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	124.00	132.30†	-2.40	2.13
Leisure	130.20	139.20	-1.70	1.00
Recovery	451.80	483.20	-8.90	2.07
Smllr Cos Inc	45.95	49.31	-0.98	1.77
Special Sits	309.60	331.10	-6.40	1.53
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	137.80	146.30	-3.00	0.31
Aust Acc	285.70	303.90	-3.00	1.17
Aust Inc	178.80	190.20	-1.90	1.17
Euro Gwth Inc	145.40	154.10	-2.50	0.47
Japan & Gen Inc	187.70	198.80	-0.70	...
Japan Spec Sits	81.73	86.58	-0.44	...
Univ Tech Inc	81.52	86.63	-1.34	0.39
Worldwide	187.10	198.60†	-3.00	0.36

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	102.50	108.60	-2.40	...
Amer Smllr Cos	133.10	142.50	-3.30	...
Cash Trust	50.53	50.53	+0.02	4.90
Convertibles	64.49	68.97	-0.77	5.60
Eastern	319.90	346.60	-17.80	1.70
Equity Income	97.48	103.70†	-2.10	5.00
European Growth	295.30	313.90	-7.70	1.50
Europe	214.50	228.50	-4.00	1.50
German Growth	70.43	74.97	-1.69	0.70
Global Bond	70.42	74.37†	-0.14	5.30
Global Growth	135.30	144.40	-3.20	...
Japan Growth	217.40	233.70	-1.30	...
Japan Sunrise	183.00	195.40	-1.40	...
Korea Trust	81.50	90.70	-3.98	...
Portfolio	142.20	151.80	-3.10	3.10
UK Growth	98.61	104.90	-2.40	2.70
UK Smaller Cos	101.70	108.70	-2.40	1.80
Select Managers	79.90	85.48	-1.58	2.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3300

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth Port Inc	83.71	89.05†	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	57.57	61.24†	...	...

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	194.50	208.00	-3.30	0.45
Dividend	88.29	94.43†	-1.39	4.14
Intl Gth & Inc	233.00	249.20†	-5.80	2.42
UK & Gen	48.21	51.56	-1.00	1.54
Fund of Funds	71.40	76.36	+0.11	...

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 225 6020

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Growth	114.51	122.47	-3.21	1.27
Smaller Cos	110.41	116.62	-2.45	0.97
Higher Yield	48.66	52.04†	-1.20	2.43
American Gth Inc	74.75	79.94†	-1.94	...
European Growth	136.10	145.56	-3.81	...
Global Bond Inc	31.75	33.68	-0.13	4.44
Mngd Ptflo Inc	43.65	46.62	-1.05	1.02

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7216

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Short Dated Gilt	70.00	70.96	-0.35	4.91

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	160.70	171.00	-3.00	1.26
UK Growth	175.40	186.70†	-3.30	1.60
UK Income	145.70	155.10	-2.70	3.56

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 651 122

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Can Gen Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	-5.40	1.75
-do- Income Dist	115.50	123.70	-2.40	4.21
Gilt & Fxd Int	44.72	46.76†	-0.24	5.82

For Cannon see Lincoln National

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American & Gen	152.60	162.40	-2.90	...
European Inc	79.90	84.64	-2.16	0.49
Smaller Cos (4-1)	85.82	91.30	-1.50	1.38
Growth	462.30	494.50	-11.60	1.78
Income & Growth	442.30	470.50†	-8.50	3.19
Japan & Gen	74.54	79.30	-0.77	...
Master Portfolio	11259	11684†	-244.00	1.37
Special Sits	105.70	112.50†	-2.50	1.77
High Yield	1435.0	1480.0	-35.00	3.64

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth Tst	38.15	40.80	-1.27	0.90
Cash Income	50.42	50.42	...	5.09
European Gwth	39.67	42.31	-0.97	0.83
Income & Gwth Inc	30.34	32.44	-0.91	3.81
Intnl Gwth	32.61	34.87	-0.75	0.74
Japan Gwth	27.78	29.71	-0.16	..
Managed Tst Inc	51.06	54.60	-1.32	0.48
Oriental Opps Inc	164.30	175.70	-10.20	0.56
Property Shares	48.92	52.32	-1.17	1.55
Smaller Cos	34.70	37.11	-0.68	1.43
UK Growth Tst	27.56	29.47	-0.83	2.56
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	75.92	81.19	-2.06	1.58
Cap Hse UK Inc	70.60	75.50	-2.31	2.27
Exempt	23.50	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	26.46	28.29	-0.49	0.38
European Acc	27.44	29.34	-0.51	0.38
Financial	165.50	177.00	-5.30	2.30
Foundation	97.62	104.40	-2.60	2.44
German	48.67	52.05	-1.06	0.07
High Income	82.97	88.73	-1.76	5.75
Income	145.00	155.00	-5.70	3.55
Intl Growth	39.01	41.72	-1.27	0.16
Mngd Ptflo Inc	111.60	119.30	-3.80	1.55
Mngd Ptflo Acc	213.40	228.20†	-7.30	1.55
Monthly Income	89.70	95.93†	-2.42	3.36
North American	112.20	119.90†	-2.40	0.15
Orient	159.80	170.90	-1.70	...

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	85.46	91.36†	-1.79	2.11
American Portfolio	92.00	98.11	-1.84	1.00
European Portfolio	97.08	103.67	-3.21	0.97
Japanese Portfolio	70.41	74.91	-0.54	...
Pacific Portfolio	151.97	163.41	-4.24	0.72
UK Inc & Growth	78.60	84.16	-1.46	3.48
Utility & Bond	61.09	61.79	-0.73	5.85

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK General Tst	68.10	72.44	-1.87	2.76
Global Tst	...	...	...	...
Recovery Tst	...	...	...	...

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7667

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	155.32	167.63	...	...
UK Growth	117.64	126.67	...	1.01
UK Income	120.45	130.66	...	3.70

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	92.70	98.09	...	1.70
Beck Bio-Tech	42.16	44.85	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	176.60	185.90	...	1.14
City Fin Assets	77.33	81.40	-2.39	1.51
City Fin America	82.96	87.33	...	...
City Fin Intl	84.81	89.27	...	0.45
City Fin Japan	169.65	178.58	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	296.30	313.55†	+1.42	2.13
Friars Hse Inc	213.27	226.88	-6.59	4.63
Buckley Wrld Grth	148.32	157.79	...	0.63
Fairmnt Cap Gth	153.30	161.37	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	127.15	133.84	...	1.49
Fairmount Intl	169.26	178.17	...	...
City Fin Ptflo Inc	64.52	68.64	...	2.42

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerging Markets	61.86	65.64	-0.78	...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	59.31	63.95	-1.38	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	39.14	42.09	-1.06	...
Dragon Growth	79.38	84.90	-3.14	0.31
Equity High Inc	89.76	95.24	-2.43	3.22
European Gwth	50.09	53.15	-1.17	0.63
Evergreen	31.71	33.91	-0.52	...
General Equity	89.96	95.45	-3.01	2.00
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.44	28.84	-0.14	7.88
Japan Growth	50.44	54.42	-0.41	...
Pedigree Gwth	53.66	56.93	-1.49	1.86
Ped Sm Cos Inc	34.33	36.42	-0.75	0.57
Retirement Inc	28.27	30.40	-0.73	4.86
Special Sits	41.03	43.88	-1.12	1.42
UK & Overseas	52.13	55.31	-1.78	0.79

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 890 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	67.29	71.97	-1.82	2.67
Income	63.78	68.21	-1.53	3.65

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	180.14	191.64	-4.85	4.61
Fixed & Convertible	47.99	51.05†	-0.78	5.56
Monthly Inc Plus	54.76	58.26	-0.46	7.69
Preference Share	53.94	57.38†	-0.22	6.63
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	141.65	150.69†	-3.61	5.45
Managed Fund	71.55	76.12	-1.52	2.65
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	45.34	48.23	-1.01	1.76
UK & General	82.56	87.83	-2.65	2.46
UK Growth	144.57	153.80	-4.54	1.58
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	190.38	202.53	-4.29	...
Far Eastern Grth	148.78	158.28	-3.69	0.26
Global Bond	88.07	93.59	-0.56	5.71
Japan Growth	126.11	134.16	-1.30	...
North Amer Grth	164.73	175.24	-3.46	...
Oriental Growth	91.29	97.12	-2.48	...
Worldwide Growth	66.29	70.52	-1.07	0.24
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.71	92.71	+0.03	4.67
Homemaker Fund	80.61	85.75†	-2.72	1.79
Quilter Fund	140.90	149.89†	-3.76	1.98

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 840

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Inc	61.24	65.14†	-1.65	2.50
High Income	36.01	38.30	-0.72	4.40
Japan	36.59	38.92	-0.37	...
Smaller Cos Inc	33.67	35.81	-0.58	2.20
Smaller Cos	35.03	37.26	-0.61	2.20
North American	33.62	35.76	-0.55	0.50
European	37.65	40.05	-0.84	0.30

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Consistent UT	34.12	36.50†	..	4.05

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	154.00	163.90	-3.30	1.56
Income	80.45	85.59†	-1.93	4.00
European	61.27	65.19	-1.54	0.63
Recovery	144.40	153.70	-5.60	1.45

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	886.30	900.70†	...	3.40

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 690 370

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	76.43	81.31	-1.42	1.75
Income	256.90	273.30	-4.20	4.12
Smaller Cos	159.50	169.70	-2.20	1.20
Inv Portfolio	82.39	87.65	-1.45	1.36
High Income Port	72.49	77.12	-1.63	4.40

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 430 0177

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Euro Small Cos	1532.8	1562.5	...	...
Japan Small Cos	1232.1	1256.2	...	...
UK Small Cos	1946.3	2025.8†	...	...
US Small Cos	1702.5	1748.5	...	...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8819

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Disc Inc	204.20	215.00	...	2.73

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gwth	260.30	275.30	-6.30	1.09
New Asia	249.60	269.60	-5.90	0.29
Japan Growth	124.70	132.60	-0.70	...
Jap Smllr Co	522.80	555.10	-2.50	...
Nth Amer	251.40	267.30	-3.30	0.91
Shifrd Asia Pac Mi	139.00	147.50	-3.80	0.41
UK Inc & Grth	231.10	246.40	-6.30	3.29

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Balanced Inc	149.50	159.00	-2.50	1.68
UK High Inc Inc	166.10	176.70	-3.00	4.51
UK Pref & F I Inc	63.65	67.49	-0.51	4.65
Envrnmntl Opps	86.31	91.82	-1.51	1.34

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	123.50	131.20	-1.70	0.15
Convertibles	25.77	27.38	-0.33	6.03
Equity Income	143.40	152.40	-3.60	3.28
EuroFund	45.57	48.19†	-1.15	0.83
Financial	54.60	58.01	-1.56	1.38
Growth & Inc	251.60	267.30†	-7.30	2.81
High Dist	176.30	187.30	-4.80	4.00
International	414.30	440.20	-9.00	0.23
Intl Income	100.40	107.20†	-2.30	2.43
Latin American	57.01	60.57	+0.45	0.21
Pacific	93.60	99.45	-3.15	...
Preference Share	26.23	27.87†	-0.34	5.56
Tokyo	225.30	239.20	-0.50	...
UK Smaller Cos	251.20	266.90	-5.80	0.88

ELCON LTD
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA
0689 70538

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Elcon Trust	234.40	250.20	...	...

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance Fd	221.10	235.20	..	0.36

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 431 480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	79.64	83.83	-2.11	1.55
Far Eastern	336.71	354.43	-6.22	1.26
High Income	145.30	152.95	-2.23	4.01
Intl Growth	130.04	136.88	-1.79	0.78
North American	120.60	126.95	-2.60	0.99
Pelican	127.29	133.99	-2.47	2.69
Smaller Cos	79.55	83.74	-1.35	1.78
Special Sits	99.41	104.22	-1.44	1.92
Tst of Inv Tsts	199.86	210.38†	-7.41	1.74

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos Inc	219.35	228.49	-10.75	1.55
Smaller Cos Acc	379.76	395.58	-18.60	1.55
Recovery	59.68	62.17	-1.23	1.83

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	120.34	127.66	-0.88	4.50
Capital Growth	86.89	93.18	-5.00	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	47.75	50.94†	-2.42	0.22
High Income	49.24	52.53†	-1.64	8.42
Warrant	69.01	75.02	-2.86	...
Zero Preference	37.87	40.19	-0.32	...

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 238 787

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Family Asset Tst	80.56	85.70	...	2.12
Family Income Tst	54.51	57.98†	...	5.64
Family Trust	90.84	96.63†	...	1.11
United Charities	272.00	289.30	...	2.71

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	.	4.60
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.78	26.13†	-0.18	3.03
-do- Europe	24.09	25.34	-0.36	4.91
-do- America	23.86	25.16	+0.01	0.39
-do- Acc Japan	27.32	28.93	-0.20	0.59
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	31.72	31.98†	-0.24	6.09
Intl Bond	32.54	33.92	-0.12	4.75
Income Funds				
High Income	29.93	31.49†	-0.56	4.52
Income Plus	130.90	139.20	-3.80	3.61
Amer Eq Inc	49.06	52.06†	-0.75	1.72
European Income	45.59	48.47	-1.06	2.21
Far East Inc	65.93	70.42	-0.70	2.17
Global Convertible	26.09	27.83	-0.32	1.95
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	64.70	69.02	-3.52	
American	241.30	256.00	-5.70	
Amer Spec Sits	114.30	122.00	-2.00	..
Japan Smaller Cos	41.89	44.69	-0.27	..
European	167.50	178.10	-3.60	...
European Opps	61.88	65.80	-1.11	...
UK Growth	92.01	96.47	-2.33	...
Growth & Inc	163.90	174.30†	-4.70	2.25
Intl PEP	37.13	39.48	-0.92	...
Japan Spec Sits	93.83	100.20†	-0.80	...
Japan	197.00	210.00	-1.70	...
Managed Intl	274.10	292.60	-5.90	.
Moneybuilder	54.91	58.58	-1.12	...
Recovery	47.82	50.85	-1.45	..
South E Asia	178.10	190.00	-9.50	...
Special Sits	562.90	598.60	-13.00	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	115.20	121.20	-3.20	2.90
UK Reverse Index	72.08	75.96	+1.95	4.80
Europe Index	119.60	125.90	-1.10	4.25
-do- Reverse Index	62.75	66.72	+1.21	8.55
America Index	102.80	108.20	-1.80	0.73
-do- Reverse Index	93.86	99.05	+3.11	0.85
Japan Index	135.60	142.70	-1.40	0.77
-do- Reverse Index	90.34	95.30	+1.28	1.48
Cash Accum Units	104.32	104.32	-0.03	4.60

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2780

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	152.90	156.10	...	1.94
Inc Ptflio	96.11	97.87	-2.33	3.26
Cap Ptflio	155.40	158.30†	-4.30	0.56
General Opps	140.10	142.20	...	3.04
Growth Inc	32.65	33.30	-1.11	2.06
Private Portfolio	447.30	455.80	..	1.34

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Admin. PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	114.60	121.20	-2.70	...
Far Eastern	192.50	206.30	-2.30	..
High Income	23.22	24.70†	-0.31	10.22
Oseas Income	102.70	109.70	-1.20	2.72
UK Growth	121.20	129.60†	-3.50	0.73
UK Income	115.80	124.00	-3.30	4.84
US Smaller Cos	300.70	321.60	-2.50	.

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc Eqty	51.94	55.26	-1.20	3.72
-do- Inv Tst Inc	81.88	87.11	-2.70	3.56
Intl Growth	78.76	83.79	..	1.08
Investment Trust	96.03	102.16	-3.35	0.22
UK Smaller Cos	88.29	93.93†	-1.53	1.17

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	56.46	60.35	-1.10	
(Accum Units)	56.46	60.35	-1.10	...
Amer Smllr Cos	506.20	541.30	-11.50	...
(Accum Units)	517.10	552.90	-11.90	...
Capital Tst	342.30	364.10	-5.60	1.26
(Accum Units)	481.70	512.30	-8.00	1.26
Conti Smllr Cos	59.67	64.02	-0.81	0.19
(Accum Units)	62.38	66.93	-0.84	0.19
Convertible	146.60	155.90	-1.40	4.36
(Accum Units)	284.00	302.00	-2.70	4.36
Emerging Markets	91.71	97.98	-1.59	...
(Accum Units)	91.79	98.06	-1.59	...
European	119.20	126.70	-2.80	0.09
(Accum Units)	124.30	132.00	-3.00	0.09
Extra Income	361.50	384.50†	-7.70	3.01
(Accum Units)	524.10	557.40†	-11.30	3.01
Financial	127.30	136.80	-2.80	0.29
(Accum Units)	133.30	143.20	-3.00	0.29
Gilt Trust	71.23	73.44	-0.38	5.07
(Accum Units)	94.31	97.24	-0.49	5.07
Health Fund Inc	145.30	155.20	-3.30	...
(Accum Units)	145.30	155.20	-3.30	...
Income & Growth	211.80	225.20	-5.20	2.99
(Accum Units)	306.80	326.30	-7.30	2.99
Intl Growth	389.90	415.50	-6.40	...
(Accum Units)	429.60	461.40	-7.10	...
Japan & Gen	195.60	209.50	-2.50	...
(Accum Units)	197.60	211.60	-2.60	...
Managed Port Inc	111.90	117.70	-2.00	0.57
(Accum Units)	117.60	123.70	-2.20	0.57
Monthly Income	183.80	195.50	-3.60	3.10
Quarterly Income	58.56	62.29	-1.30	3.93
(Accum Units)	59.90	63.71	-1.32	3.93
Recovery	368.90	394.50†	-9.30	...
(Accum Units)	433.40	463.40†	-11.00	...
UK Growth	55.25	58.93	-1.39	2.10
(Accum Units)	55.25	58.93	-1.39	2.10

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts
Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FP Equity Dist	412.04	438.34	-8.23	2.11
-do- Accum	849.99	904.24	-16.99	2.11
FP Euro Gth Dist	133.37	141.88	-2.45	0.29
-do- Accum	138.51	147.35†	-2.54	0.29
FP Fixed Int Dis	145.44	153.84	-0.86	5.67
-do- Accum	251.95	266.50	-1.49	5.67
FP Intl Gth Dist	96.79	102.97	-1.57	0.35
-do- Accum	100.76	107.19	-1.64	0.35
FP Nth Amer Dis	198.46	210.23†	-3.10	0.54
-do- Accum	216.87	229.69†	-3.39	0.54
FP Pac Basin Dist	338.35	359.95†	-7.56	0.01
-do- Accum	344.80	366.81†	-7.71	0.01
Stewardship Dist	361.86	384.96	-6.36	1.54
-do- Accum	434.34	462.06	-7.63	1.54
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	78.68	83.70†	-1.22	2.92
-do- Accum	99.02	105.34†	-1.53	2.92
N Am Sstnp Dist	104.25	110.90†	-2.11	0.34
-do- Accum	110.32	117.36†	-2.24	0.34

GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
PO Box 257, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 186/7

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
GANDA	254.10	268.70	-4.80	1.82
Cash	49.30	50.04†	+0.02	4.37
Growth Portfolio	87.86	93.13	-1.84	0.32
Income Portfolio	72.89	77.08†	-1.57	3.23

GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567
Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Spec Sits	160.60	171.80	-2.00	...
European	542.70	579.80	-15.20	1.24
Far East & Gen	290.50	310.70	-5.40	..
Germany	117.40	124.80	-2.90	..
Global Assets Inc	...	...	...	...
Income Inc	167.70	179.40	-2.30	4.20
International	377.20	403.05	-6.80	0.31
Intl Income	88.08	93.58	-1.62	3.77
Japan & General	416.20	443.20	-2.60	...
Korean Securities	79.55	85.08	-0.32	0.15
Smllr Cos Div Inc	55.52	59.38†	-1.13	3.78
UK Capital (Inc)	195.30	208.90	-4.10	1.68
UK Spec Sits	97.24	104.00	-2.70	0.32
US & General	135.00	143.70	-3.40	...
Wwide Spec Sits	175.70	187.50	-3.30	0.08

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421
Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	53.86	57.71†	-1.32	1.84
Cash Trust	132.03	132.03	+0.03	4.40
Practical Inv Inc	120.20	128.56	-3.42	3.43
UK Index	156.65	159.30	-4.62	2.71
UK Smaller Cos	127.48	136.34	-1.78	1.26
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.71	29.64†	-0.40	8.54
High Income	37.29	39.88†	-0.76	4.36
UK Equity Income	148.63	158.96†	-3.96	3.36
Global Bond	30.73	31.92	-0.08	4.57
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	70.61	75.52	-0.42	.
Global Inc & Gth	142.04	151.42	-1.68	1.45
Gold & Intl Res	118.98	127.25	-2.45	0.54
Global Utilities	142.64	152.14†	-3.03	0.65
Overseas Funds				
American	142.93	152.83	-2.99	0.48
European	98.11	103.88	-2.49	0.87
Euro Sel Opps	132.15	140.35	-2.89	0.20
Amer Emerging	103.79	111.00†	-2.58	..
Hong Kong	185.10	197.97	-10.69	0.84
Japan	249.30	265.33	-1.76	...
Pacific Growth	253.93	271.58	-10.22	.
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	224.31	224.31†	-5.01	1.69
Long Term Bal	243.44	243.44†	-4.75	2.01
Med Term Bal	203.84	203.84†	-3.32	2.38
UK Equity	246.64	246.64	-6.40	1.37
UK Emerging Cos	150.59	150.59†	-2.17	1.79
American	235.32	235.32	-3.91	1.25
Japan	139.34	139.34	-0.66	...
European	249.99	249.99	-6.43	0.99
Index Linked Gilt	175.44	175.44	-1.20	2.92
Fixed Interest	168.19	168.19	-0.94	6.16
Amer Emergng	266.32	266.32	-6.45	...
Pacific	270.50	270.50	-10.14	0.53
Emerging Mkts	216.59	216.59†	+2.09	..
Index Strat Japan	157.41	157.41†	...	0.23
-do- Pacific Rim	226.06	226.06†	...	1.18
-do- Cont Europe	151.46	151.46†	...	1.59
Index Strat USA	133.88	133.88†	...	2.08
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	106.18	112.96	-2.52	..
Med Term Bal	97.01	103.20	-1.68	...
Long Term Bal	109.78	116.79	-2.28	...
UK Equity	114.07	121.35	-3.15	...
UK Emerging Cos	70.69	75.21	-1.08	...
American	109.47	116.46	-1.92	...
Japan	67.12	71.41	-0.34	...
European	104.41	111.07	-2.86	...
Fixed Interest	84.60	90.00	-0.50	..
Index Linked Gilt	77.64	82.59	-0.57	...
Deposit	76.70	81.59	+0.02	..
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Grth	137.61	144.85†	-0.78	.
Berkeley Income	122.47	128.92†	-0.55	1.98
SWH Intl	147.05	154.79	-0.38	0.55
Bredell Gth Port Inc	65.60	69.23	-0.33	2.50
-do- Inc Port Inc	62.70	66.17	-0.20	3.75
-do- Wwide Port	56.29	59.41	-0.21	1.00
Shaw Utilities	60.56	63.92	-1.15	3.33

GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Opportunities	156.20	164.80	...	...
Higher Income	144.20	151.10	..	1.47

GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT
GAM Sterling Management Ltd
12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
8 Intl Inc	624.78	664.66	...	0.08
European Inc	150.42	160.02	...	...
Amalgam Inc	154.56	163.63	...	...
N America Inc	335.04	356.43	...	..
Far East Inc	373.56	397.40	...	0.20
UK Divid Inc	184.36	196.13	...	0.89

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	96.16	101.14	-0.57	4.02
UK Small Cos	53.86	57.60	-1.21	1.10
British Growth	62.54	65.98	-0.92	2.14
American Gwth	163.72	175.10†	-3.00	..
Japan Gwth	85.78	91.74†	-0.35	..
Greater China	221.53	236.93†	-6.53	0.96
Pacific Strategy	188.96	202.10†	-4.85	0.15
European Gwth	84.46	90.33	-1.93	0.52
Intl Growth	164.57	176.01	-4.37	0.24
US Index (£)	13.884	14.629	-0.155	1.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	84.25	89.02	-1.64	2.15
Monthly Income	47.36	50.28†	-0.50	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
UK Index (£)	13.581	12.915	-0.232	4.40
Euro Index (£)	13.004	13.608	-0.137	4.50
Japan Index (£)	11.497	12.034	-0.032	1.85
US Index (£)	14.616	15.291	-0.179	1.50
Cash (£)	9.5116	9.5592	+0.002	5.10
UK Bear (£)	7.1148	7.4608	+0.137	4.60
European Bear (£)	7.2682	7.6058	+0.077	4.50
Japan Bear (£)	11.669	12.214	+0.132	1.85
US Bear (£)	9.1543	9.5769	+0.268	1.50
Dollar Bull (£)	16.001	16.747	+0.331	1.50
Dollar Bear (£)	6.8459	7.1578	-0.047	4.40
Gilt Bull (£)	11.814	12.549	-0.089	4.40
Gilt Bear (£)	7.0453	7.3644	+0.052	4.40
Dollar Cash (£)	10.679	10.731	+0.103	1.90
Grt UK Index (£)	12.059	12.650	-0.447	4.40

GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF
071 488 1212

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Small Cos	100.45	106.86†	...	0.82
Bridge Income	303.85	322.25	...	4.53

GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9646

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	134.30	134.30	...	4.22
European	464.30	496.00	-8.10	0.06
Gilt & Fixed	140.00	148.50	-1.00	5.18
Growth Equity	356.20	380.50	-7.60	1.64
Income Trust	135.50	144.70	-2.30	2.73
International	192.10	205.20	-3.80	..
Japan Trust	133.00	142.70†	-0.90	..
Nth American	279.40	299.00	-6.50	..
Pacific	637.20	660.70	-25.41	..
Guardhill	520.90	556.50	-11.30	1.00

GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE
071 522 2129

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
EMU Trust	118.38	122.94	-0.08	7.68
Global High Inc	120.29	124.90†	-0.12	7.85
Prem Fixed Int	118.25	122.76	-0.58	7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc	111.61	118.67†	-0.69	4.33
European Growth	98.48	104.70	-0.29	..
Intl PEP Trust	62.51	66.46	-0.01	..
High Income	130.47	138.72†	+0.71	3.04
Recovery	424.90	451.20	-2.30	1.42
St Vinc High Inc	144.62	146.78	-0.57	6.69
Trop Bar Emer Co	255.30	271.40	-0.10	1.13
Trop Br Sm Co In	370.40	370.40†	+0.30	1.60

HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838 588

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Advtg Inc	42.03	44.56†	-0.20	1.26
Income Advtg Inc	35.15	37.26	-0.10	3.09

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Model Ptfolio	214.60	227.70	-4.40	2.01
Smaller Cos	36.23	38.54†	-0.53	1.50

HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD
PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Funds				
Special Sits	316.76	338.93	-6.76	0.90
Best of British	65.92	70.44	-1.83	1.93
UK Smaller Cos	131.54	141.45†	-2.67	0.79
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	294.85	313.99	-7.40	2.61
High Income	353.07	377.43†	-7.70	3.32
Extra Income	312.78	332.98	-5.63	3.99
Pref & Gilt	50.36	54.15†	-0.20	7.54
International				
International	285.83	304.04	-5.25	0.39
Global Bond	59.56	63.36	-0.15	6.06
Family of Funds	87.36	93.18†	-0.05	0.17
Global Tech	154.53	165.27	-3.63	..
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	201.53	215.51	-7.35	..
European	472.75	500.53	-12.37	0.28
European Income	85.64	90.67†	-1.72	2.28
Euro Smlr Cos	147.46	157.31	-1.79	0.27
Eur Sp Sits	67.40	71.78	-1.10	0.50
Japan Trust	219.29	233.49†	-1.82	...
Japan Special Sits	251.23	265.23	-1.17	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	280.97	298.79	-9.54	0.09
North American	246.43	262.15†	-6.55	..
American Smaller	109.62	117.23	-2.62	.
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	58.27	61.76	-1.48	.
Eur Sp Sits	57.85	61.32	-0.91	..
General Growth	43.84	46.47	-1.15	
Global Tech	60.47	64.09	-1.42	..
Income Growth	44.29	46.94	-1.09	..
Japan Growth	26.51	28.41	-0.23	
Overseas Growth	41.71	44.21	-0.75	.
Smaller Cos	23.25	24.64	-0.76	
Special Opps	30.73	32.57	-0.66	.
Sterling Liquidity				
Wwide Sp Sits	52.09	55.21	-0.99	..

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	105.50	112.80	-2.80	1.75
Capital	182.20	194.80†	-6.10	1.56
Dollar	345.60	369.30	-9.70	0.01
European	241.50	258.20	-2.30	0.41
Far East	377.40	403.60†	-8.60	0.20
Financial	404.80	967.70	-2.89	1.25
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	28.73	29.64†	+0.01	6.91
High Yield	119.40	127.70	-2.50	3.84
Income & Growth	158.10	169.00	-3.90	2.67
International	258.50	276.40†	-6.40	0.06
Japanese General	202.40	216.40†	-0.60	...
Japan Tech	77.92	83.33†	+0.02	...
Nat Resources	81.49	87.15	-2.33	0.41
Portfolio	78.72	84.19	-1.86	1.65
Security	349.00	373.20	-10.30	1.72
Smaller Cos	141.60	151.40	-2.80	1.13
Special Sits	164.70	176.10	-4.10	1.25
UK Emerging Cos	94.63	101.20	-1.70	0.27
US Smaller Cos	77.32	82.69	...	...

HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
Dlg: 071 955 5855 Enq: 0800 289 505
James Capel Unit Trusts
Dlg: 071 955 5855 Enq: 0800 289 505

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Index Funds				
American Index	206.30	219.60†	...	1.19
Eurotrack 100	159.80	169.60†	...	0.93
Footsie Fund	55.55	58.70†	-1.71	2.34
Japan Index	82.61	88.08†	..	0.12
Tiger Index	231.60	247.20	...	0.17
Triple Index	130.20	139.00	...	1.58
UK Index	151.00	161.10†	...	2.57
Active Funds				
American Growth	496.10	529.20	...	0.16
Asian	66.21	70.68†	...	..
Capital	656.10	702.20	...	1.92
European Growth	112.40	119.30†	...	0.27
Global Bond	24.73	26.07†	...	6.10
Hong Kong Gwth	145.20	155.00	...	0.43
Income	621.70	663.50	...	3.43
Intl Growth	83.16	88.53	...	0.10
Japan Growth	298.80	318.90	...	...
Japan Smllr Cos	36.60	38.99†	...	..
Spore & Mlysn Gth	81.54	87.02	...	..
Midland Unit Trusts				
Dealing 0742 529200				
Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	62.83	67.18	-0.99	2.12
(Accum Units)	64.60	69.07	-1.01	2.12
British Tst	89.26	95.47	-3.06	1.77
(Accum Units)	101.00	108.00	-3.50	1.77
Extra High Inc	77.46	82.84†	-1.50	5.44
(Accum Units)	142.00	151.80†	-2.70	5.44
Gilt & Fxd Int	60.15	62.62	-0.34	5.95
(Accum Units)	164.80	171.60	-0.90	5.95
High Yield	252.50	270.10	-5.30	4.21
(Accum Units)	606.00	648.10	-12.80	4.21
Income	320.30	342.60†	-11.80	2.68
(Accum Units)	664.70	732.20†	-25.40	2.68
Japan Growth	347.80	372.00	...	...
(Accum Units)	367.10	392.60	...	...
Mandarin Tst	138.30	147.90	...	0.59
(Accum Units)	144.60	154.60	...	0.59
Money Market UT	49.19	49.19†	+0.01	4.65
(Accum Units)	74.64	74.64†	+0.02	4.65
Monthly Income	95.46	102.10	-2.00	3.63
North American	..	...	...	...
(Accum Units)	...	...	...	...
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	104.90	111.60	-2.90	1.76
European Growth	105.50	112.20	-3.00	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	88.56	93.99	-0.50	5.90
Income	92.06	97.96	-2.54	2.69
Japan Growth	56.04	59.62	-0.51	..
Managed	69.60	74.04	-1.08	2.37
Money Market	82.88	87.45	+0.03	4.57
North American	89.98	95.72	-1.21	0.47
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	95.32	101.40	-2.70	1.74
European Growth	99.36	105.70	-2.80	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.41	89.50	-0.46	5.87
Income	90.48	96.26	-2.49	2.67
Japan Growth	55.89	59.46	-0.51	..
Managed	66.59	70.84	-1.03	2.35
Money Market	76.60	81.20	+0.03	4.53
North American	81.94	87.17	-1.09	0.56
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	95.69	101.80	-2.70	1.72
European Growth	97.01	103.20	-2.70	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	78.23	83.03	-0.45	5.94
Income	89.97	95.71	-2.50	2.67
Japan Growth	57.25	60.90	-0.52	..
Managed	69.96	74.43	-1.09	2.33
Money Market	71.99	76.31	+0.02	4.56
North American	90.87	96.67	-1.22	0.43

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	76.95	81.75	-3.03	0.25
Smaller Cos	34.06	36.18†	-0.76	1.04
Special Features	34.02	36.14	-0.87	1.17
(Accum Units)	40.55	43.08	-1.04	1.17
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	81.53	86.62†	-2.13	1.67
Accum Units	98.02	104.10†	-2.60	1.67
General Equities	77.81	82.67	-1.95	2.47
Great British Cos	55.67	59.47†	-1.48	1.51
Managed Invest	105.00	112.00†	-2.30	1.05
PEP Managed	75.96	81.05	-1.78	1.91
Rupert Child Tst	86.04	91.68	-2.65	1.63
UK Growth	63.92	68.30	-1.65	1.37
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.03	50.03†	-0.02	3.76
Cashbox (Acc)	57.32	57.32†	+0.01	3.76
Extra Income	93.48	99.86†	-1.84	4.19
Gilt	30.02	31.63†	-0.23	5.73
Income & Growth	45.47	48.48	-1.00	2.90
Mimstar Gilt & FI	82.45	84.26	-0.32	7.14
Preference Shares	20.03	21.28	-0.14	5.63
UK Income	364.80	389.40	-9.80	2.77
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	75.05	79.74	-2.39	0.49
Property Shares	88.98	95.54	-2.12	0.90
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	52.34	55.60	-1.05	0.51
US Smaller Cos	121.80	128.90	-2.30	..
(Accum Units)	123.10	130.30	-2.30	..
Europe Perf	150.90	159.80	-3.60	..
(Accum Units)	156.00	165.20	-3.70	..
Euro Smaller Cos	28.53	30.27	-0.58	..
French Growth	50.99	55.84†	-2.26	..
Accum Units	86.76	91.96†	-2.42	..
H Kong & China	109.50	116.30†	-5.10	0.33
Intl Growth	60.59	64.37	-1.11	..
Accum Units	60.84	64.69	-1.11	...
Japan Perf	36.13	38.37	-0.16	..
Accum Units	36.13	38.37	-0.16	
Japan Smaller Cos	42.22	44.86	-0.34	..
Singapore ASEAN	117.70	127.70	-3.00	...
Accum Units	118.50	128.60	-3.10	...
SE Asia	363.70	386.40	-16.20	
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	100.30	106.80	-2.00	1.28
Intl Bond	60.29	61.05	-0.23	5.95

JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB
071 581 3020

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Cap	184.60	196.40	-3.80	..
Income	154.11	163.94†	-3.62	3.49
Res & General	157.40	165.20	..	..
UK Growth	55.99	59.46†	-2.06	0.88
International	93.75	99.73†	-1.48	0.01
Ecology	97.01	92.56	-1.67	0.56
European	119.69	125.98	-1.37	...
Far Eastern	366.30	389.70	-14.60	..

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS
10 Fenchurch Street London EC3
Dealers: 071 956 7384 Admin: 071 956 6600

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	60.74	64.62	-1.62	6.04
(Accum Units)	84.60	90.00	-2.24	6.04
Gth Yield	126.60	133.53	-0.90	6.64
(Accum Units)	369.80	390.40	-2.40	6.04
Global Income	243.80	259.40†	-2.70	3.32
(Accum Units)	542.00	576.60	-6.30	3.32
High Yield	157.00	167.00†	-3.94	5.14
(Accum Units)	450.90	479.70	-11.38	5.14
Smllr Cos Div	61.73	65.67†	-1.47	2.63
(Accum Units)	77.46	82.40†	-1.84	2.63
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	99.10	105.40†	-1.60	..
(Accum Units)	102.50	109.00†	-1.60	.
North American	60.07	65.18	-1.19	0.29
(Accum Units)	98.16	104.40	-1.50	0.29
European Special	92.95	98.88	-2.26	1.26
(Accum Units)	97.32	103.70	-2.40	1.26
European	155.60	165.50	-4.00	1.19
(Accum Units)	203.70	215.70	-5.19	1.19
General	305.00	322.20	-6.30	2.29
(Accum Units)	509.00	537.20†	-14.00	2.29
Japan	441.50	469.20	-3.40	..
(Accum Units)	446.50	475.00	-3.30	..
Japanese Special	251.60	267.70	-0.70	
(Accum Units)	252.90	269.00	-0.70	
Master Accum	263.30	276.00	-5.50	0.77
Pacific	375.00	395.90	-17.50	0.32
(Accum Units)	437.00	467.90	-6.30	0.37
Smaller Cos	122.60	130.60	-2.76	0.99
(Accum Units)	166.50	177.10	-3.60	0.95
UK Equity Growth	46.09	49.07	-1.32	1.56
(Accum Units)	86.30	91.81†	-2.46	1.56

KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA
071 629 1653

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Inc & Gth	67.75	72.11	-1.15	0.60
Inv Trust	75.37	80.13	-2.64	.
Cautious Inc/Gth	62.35	66.27	-1.00	1.60
High Inc Acc	67.42	71.37	-1.02	4.50

LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
163 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	94.25	100.00	-1.50	0.30
Extra Income	26.37	28.17	-0.55	2.84
Far East	33.46	35.63	-0.70	0.25
Income & Gwth	64.43	69.62	-1.91	2.18
Intl Growth	60.57	64.54	-1.16	0.41
Japan	67.48	71.70	-0.36	
Maximum Dist	99.63	101.60	-0.20	6.97
Nth Amer Equity	42.03	44.77	-0.91	0.14
UK Equity	100.20	106.60	-1.60	2.02

L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA
071 588 2800

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	655.90	669.90†	..	4.63
Intl & General	466.10	475.60†	.	0.54

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inc & Growth Inc	61.38	65.30†	-1.46	3.63
Smaller Cos	57.60	61.16	-0.95	0.82

LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Trust	267.90	285.00	-7.00	1.57
High Income	120.50	128.20	-2.50	3.46
International	102.90	109.50	-1.90	0.41
Recovery Trust	67.96	72.32	-2.14	1.20
European Trust	95.49	101.20	-2.08	0.71
Japanese Trust	47.63	50.99†	-0.41	.
American Trust	85.42	90.97	-2.41	..
Managed	71.70	76.28	-1.76	0.37
Cash	51.61	51.61	+0.02	4.34

LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0910

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Cap	364.60	390.20†	..	2.46
UK Inc/Gth	421.70	435.90†	..	2.69
UK Income	299.60	304.20†	..	3.27
UK Sm Cos	266.70	275.00†	...	1.31
Euro Gwth	125.70	126.70	..	..
N Amer Gwth	94.37	97.28	..	0.22
Jap & Pac Gth	96.63	99.57	...	..
Mone Mkt	117.30	117.30	...	2.40

LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	503.70	535.80	-12.80	2.19
Equity Income	109.40	116.42†	-2.20	3.11
UK Tactical Allocn	59.66	63.36	-1.06	3.12
European	115.90	123.30†	-2.90	0.71
Far Eastern	254.60	271.10	-7.20	..
Fixed Interest	57.75	61.77	-0.12	5.30
Gilt	99.72	105.70	-0.90	5.53
Global Growth	93.47	98.60	-1.63	
Intl Bond	56.91	60.44	-1.13	5.41
Japanese	57.97	62.52	-0.72	
North American	157.40	167.40†	-3.50	0.27
Pacific Growth	137.40	146.20	-5.10	..
UK Index	66.97	70.86	-1.75	2.63
UK Recovery	97.45	103.70	-3.30	1.44
UK Smaller Cos	133.40	141.97	-2.60	0.67
US Index	60.63	64.20	-1.20	1.65
European Index	73.55	77.60†	-1.56	1.35
Japan Index	42.61	45.16	-0.38	..
Worldwide	90.16	95.92	-1.60	1.31

LINCOLN NATIONAL
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB
081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	51.29	54.56†	-1.27	2.04
Income	63.50	67.91†	-1.46	3.73
Far East	63.14	67.53	-0.75	..
North American	102.20	109.30	-4.10	..
Global	105.40	112.70	-2.70	0.60
European	90.15	96.42	-2.34	0.81
Japan	116.90	125.00	-0.90	..
Intl Currency Bd	60.77	64.46	-0.26	5.90
SE Asia	131.70	140.90	-8.10	0.67
UK Cap Growth	98.03	104.80	-2.40	1.76

LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD
PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB
Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	368.20	391.80	-6.60	2.28
-do- Acc	817.60	869.80	-14.60	2.28
Conti Euro Gth	62.67	66.97	-1.22	1.02
-do- Acc	66.76	70.28	-1.29	1.02
Extra Inc	277.70	295.50	-4.30	3.16
-do- Acc	696.20	740.70	-11.10	3.16
German Gth	117.60	121.20	-2.60	0.15
-do- Acc	123.60	130.20	-2.70	0.15
Growth Port	582.40	619.60	-10.90	0.11
-do- Acc	587.30	624.80	-11.00	0.11
Income	526.90	560.60	-8.30	3.04
-do- Acc	1375.0	1463.0	-21.00	3.04
Income Port	545.60	580.50†	-6.00	3.54
-do- Acc	560.70	596.50	-6.20	3.54
Japan Growth	109.30	116.30	-0.70	..
-do- Acc	109.70	116.80	-0.60	..
Master Trust	62.12	66.09	-1.12	0.98
-do- Acc	68.30	72.76	-1.23	0.98
N American Gen	200.80	213.70	-6.40	.
-do- Acc	232.00	246.90	-7.30	..
N Am Sm Co Rec	152.10	161.90	-7.60	.
-do- Acc	155.20	165.20	-7.80	..
Pacific Basin	318.10	335.30†	-5.60	0.16
-do- Acc	334.30	355.70	-5.90	0.16
Small Cos Rec	378.80	396.80	-6.00	1.99
-do- Acc	497.60	523.80	-7.90	1.99
UK Growth	92.08	97.96†	-1.76	1.79
-do- Acc	109.40	116.40	-2.10	1.79
Worldwide Gth	344.30	366.30	-8.40	0.17
-do- Acc	507.90	540.40	-12.30	0.17

LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	67.80	72.75	-0.86	0.30
General	93.89	100.74	-2.65	2.30
Income	74.90	80.46	-2.50	4.40
International	68.91	73.94	-1.12	0.70
Japan	58.08	62.32	-0.02	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	75.14	80.62	-2.89	1.50

M & G SECURITIES
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer & General	423.90	446.30†	-6.70	0.71
Amer Recovery	479.50	507.10	-8.20	0.25
Amer Smllr Cos	136.20	144.00†	-2.60	..
Australasian	192.10	203.10	-2.70	0.97
Capital	848.00	896.80†	-22.90	1.67
Charifund	761.90	769.20†	-15.50	4.75
Commodity	409.40	432.90†	-7.90	0.34
Compound Grth	980.00	1036.4	-20.90	2.20
Dividend	43.20	45.70	-1.10	3.87
Equity Income	375.80	397.40	-6.30	4.35
Euro & General	512.20	541.70†	-5.90	0.49
Euro Dividend	74.20	78.50†	-1.00	3.26
Extra Yield	459.80	486.20	-10.00	4.04
Far Eastern	418.00	442.00	-8.00	0.15
Fund of Inv Tsts	659.40	697.20	-27.30	1.62
General	65.40	69.20†	-1.50	3.37
Gilt Income	69.35	69.46	-0.29	6.49
Gold	75.10	79.40†	-1.90	0.44
High Income	31.30	33.10	-0.70	4.03
Intl Growth	82.50	87.20†	-1.30	0.66
International Inc	109.60	115.90	-1.20	3.96
Japan & Gen	49.40	52.20	-0.20	..
Japan Smlr Cos	167.60	177.20	-0.20	...
Managed Income	30.10	31.60†	-0.50	3.53
Midland	68.30	72.20	-1.70	2.39
Pension Ex	1016.0	1041.3	-22.30	3.50
Recovery	45.10	47.70†	-1.10	1.95
Second General	75.40	79.70†	-1.60	3.14
Smaller Cos	74.60	78.90†	-1.80	2.32
Treasury	25.04	25.07†	-0.01	4.82
Trustee	46.50	49.20	-1.00	3.74

MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Growth	82.32	87.57	-2.21	0.23
High Income	320.50	340.90	-6.60	3.88
Intl Bond	70.10	73.79	-0.46	4.22
Intl Equity Growth	73.00	77.65	-1.82	0.37
N Amer Growth	100.17	106.56	-2.06	0.71
Special Sits Growth	23.62	25.12	-0.54	1.57
UK Growth	399.50	425.00	-7.80	2.23

MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD
46 Court St, Haddington, E. Lothian
062 082 5867

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Joint Investors	1369.6	1398.2	...	2.50

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Maldon General	155.90	160.20†	..	3.50

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD
St George's Way, Stevenage
Dealings: 0438 747 444

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Units	207.10	221.50	-4.40	1.96
Gilt & Fxd Int	192.80	200.00	-1.60	6.54
Intl Growth	221.00	236.40	-3.50	0.18
North American	185.90	198.60	-3.40	0.32
Far East	305.50	326.70	-9.30	0.25
UK Smaller Cos	179.50	192.00	-3.50	1.40
European	81.55	87.31	-1.30	0.31
Japanese Growth	48.53	51.74	-0.26	..
Managed Ptflo	72.20	77.19	-1.37	1.31
High Income	203.30	217.40	-3.60	3.71

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
M & S Inv Ptflio	163.10	173.50†	..	1.62
-do- Accum	184.10	195.80†	..	1.62
UK Sel Ptflio	140.30	149.30	..	1.76
-do- Accum	160.00	170.20	..	1.76

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA
0204 364 842

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	71.45	76.01	..	3.11

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
031 479 4646

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	81.26	86.26	-1.51	3.45
European	85.53	90.80†	-1.40	0.41
Income & Growth	88.87	94.03†	-1.75	2.37
Nth American	60.76	64.50	-1.14	0.07
Far East	188.80	200.20	-6.70	
Charities	128.00	135.90†	-2.50	3.46
Japan	58.38	61.97	-0.49	..
Emrgng Mkts	135.50	144.90†	-1.50	0.12
Intl Growth	118.40	125.70	-1.70	0.18
UK Growth	93.09	98.62	-2.28	1.59

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St EC4R 9AS
Dealing: 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	208.40	221.70	-4.90	..
(Accum Units)	222.70	236.90	-5.30	..
American Opps	92.67	98.55	-2.15	..
(Accum Units)	93.75	100.01	-2.30	..
British Blue Chip	85.13	90.62	-1.53	2.76
(Accum Units)	102.40	108.90	-1.80	2.76
Cash	100.30	100.30†	+0.10	5.01
(Accum Units)	132.00	132.00†	..	5.01
Emerging Mkts	145.00	155.90	+1.10	..
European Growth	252.40	267.60	-5.60	0.60
(Accum Units)	271.70	288.10	-6.00	0.60
European Income	86.59	91.75†	-1.62	2.66
(Accum Units)	113.40	120.10†	-2.10	2.66
General	559.40	596.70	-9.70	2.03
(Accum Units)	1071	1142	-19.00	2.03
Global Bond	133.70	140.70	-0.40	5.66
(Accum Units)	154.00	162.00	-0.50	5.66
Gold & General	206.70	221.20	-4.20	0.42
(Accum Units)	210.30	226.10†	-4.30	0.42
Govt Securities	101.20	104.30	-0.50	6.82
(Accum Units)	187.50	193.30	-0.90	6.82
Income	168.00	178.80	-2.50	3.81
(Accum Units)	251.30	267.30	-3.90	3.81
International	471.70	502.50	-10.30	0.56
(Accum Units)	629.10	670.20	-13.60	0.56
Japan	193.40	205.00	-0.60	..
(Accum Units)	196.60	210.50†	-0.60	
New Europe	181.20	193.30†	-4.30	1.34
(Accum Units)	185.40	197.60†	-4.43	1.34
Pacific	143.50	153.10	-5.00	0.55
(Accum Units)	152.10	162.80	-5.40	0.55
Recovery	359.00	382.90	-11.50	2.34
(Accum Units)	455.20	485.50	-14.70	2.34
UK Smaller Cos	64.21	68.45	-1.53	1.54
(Accum Units)	72.09	76.90	-1.73	1.59
Portfolio	86.85	92.38	-1.54	2.45
(Accum Units)	99.68	106.00	-1.90	2.45

METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ
0707 662 233

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Eurogrowth Plus	118.86	126.45	-2.46	0.91
Intl Strategy	68.58	72.96†	-1.35	0.63
UK Income Inc	83.92	89.28	-1.40	5.45

MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International (US$)	13.46	14.36		

MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	313.80	333.00	-9.40	..
European Gth Inc	382.50	408.00	-4.90	..
Intl Gwth	205.20	217.30	-3.10	...
UK Equity Inc	194.10	206.00†	-3.00	2.86
UK Inc Trckr Inc	169.90	181.00	-3.40	2.69
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	202.10	214.50†	-4.30	1.44
Japan Tracker	78.63	83.30	-0.75	..
Asian Trader	245.30	265.70†	-9.90	0.37
Managed Inc	154.90	166.50	-2.80	1.56
Deposit Inc	100.13	100.13†	+0.02	4.91
Europa	176.90	189.90	-2.60	
Genesis	164.70	179.00	-3.10	.
High Income	25.04	25.54†	-0.19	10.00

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Acumen	100.40	102.70	-1.80	1.96
Acumen Inc	96.70	98.80	-1.60	1.96
Acumen Reserve	88.99	89.89†	-0.79	6.59
-do- Inc	81.12	81.94†	-0.72	6.59
American Income	184.20	189.10†	-2.50	1.37
Cash Income	49.55	50.04†	+0.02	4.62
Equity Income	109.90	109.90	-2.00	4.17
European	75.95	77.46	-1.46	0.77
Smaller Cos	85.58	88.96	-2.24	0.83
Olympiad	73.24	75.55†	-1.36	0.08
Global Bond	49.44	49.98†	-0.37	5.91
UK Growth	96.85	99.64	-1.76	1.42
Pacific Growth	124.90	129.20	-5.80	.
Japan Growth	99.41	101.20	-0.90	

NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Avon Equity	124.57	132.52†	-3.06	2.72

NM UNIT TRUST MGRS
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 862 695
Dlg: 0705 882 660

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Inc Inc	115.20	122.50†	-0.30	1.45
Open Cap Gth Inc	117.50	124.90†	-0.30	1.28
NM Unit Trusts				
American	45.70	48.69	-0.90	1.62
Australian	385.60	413.70	-6.40	...
Conscience	79.47	83.74	+0.01	0.42
European	202.30	215.20	-5.20	0.70
Extra Income	61.59	67.07†	-1.69	5.10
Gilt & FI	61.61	65.23†	-0.37	5.67
Gold	69.36	74.59	-2.18	
Income	60.56	64.59	-1.65	3.60
Intnl	34.67	37.07	-0.76	0.67
Jap Smaller Cos	360.80	384.60	-0.40	
Sing & Malaystan	259.40	278.10	-9.70	
Smaller Cos	32.59	35.03	-0.61	0.57
Special Sits	39.33	42.29	-1.00	1.45
Sterling Deposit	100.40	100.40	.	4.75
Tokyo	87.00	92.80	-0.71	
UK Equity	185.70	199.00†	-5.70	2.51
US Smaller Cos	117.20	125.30	-1.70	.

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	80.35	85.48	-2.09	1.61
UK Income	118.90	126.50	-2.90	3.12
Gilt & Fixed Int	82.48	87.29	-0.52	5.79
Higher Income	240.60	256.00†	-5.40	4.06
Smaller Cos	87.03	92.59	-1.64	1.31
International	104.90	111.50	-4.20	1.19

NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Americas Dist	113.20	121.10	-2.30	.
European Dist	105.90	113.30	-2.80	.
Far East Dist	196.50	210.20	-3.30	.
Global Care Dist	76.96	82.31	-1.19	1.72
Oseas Dist	1064.3	1136.3	-19.30	0.40
UK Dist	366.10	391.50	-11.40	2.19
UK Extra Inc Dist	81.63	87.30†	-1.66	3.49
Wwide Dist	109.20	116.70	-1.50	..
Wwide Inc Dist	74.36	79.53	-1.25	1.88

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Europe Inc	61.58	65.31	-1.45	0.40
Fund of Funds Inc	61.30	64.59†	-1.56	0.51
North America Inc	51.56	54.44	-1.42	0.06
UK Equity Grth Inc	63.87	67.41	-1.83	1.53
UK General Inc	62.43	65.89	-1.73	1.84
UK Gth/Fix Int Inc	52.27	55.03	-0.22	5.98
UK Income Inc	63.54	67.10†	-1.64	2.30

NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR
Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	245.64	261.54†	-5.43	3.20
Global	369.20	392.77	-5.30	1.04
General	204.90	217.96†	-3.96	1.17
Bond	136.02	144.41	-0.02	6.03
Growth	133.26	141.77	-3.50	1.55
Intrepid	129.95	134.33	...	1.70

NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich
0603 682 254

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Master Trust	129.23	137.47	-2.80	1.16
UK Equity	147.61	157.25	-4.01	2.74
UK Equity Income	142.28	151.36	-3.71	3.31
UK Smaller Cos	131.49	139.88†	-2.69	1.30
UK Equity Growth	135.90	144.57	-3.47	2.50
UK Index Trckg	155.89	163.71	-0.57	2.90
Intl Index Trckg	147.41	156.82	-2.75	0.96
International	241.69	257.12	-5.76	0.53
European	182.54	194.19†	-4.60	0.50
Pan European	130.35	138.67	-3.59	1.09
Nth American	163.90	174.36	-2.49	0.50
N Amer Smllr Cos	186.55	198.78†	-2.31	..
Japanese	97.99	104.25	-1.01	..
Pacific	263.56	280.36	-6.69	.
South East Asian	294.43	313.22	-12.83	0.20
Intl Bond	139.06	147.93†	-0.62	4.15
Gth & Convertible	114.94	122.28†	-1.02	8.73
Property	93.24	96.55	-0.26	5.47

PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough
PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity	263.80	280.60	..	1.88
Growth	164.70	173.30	-3.20	2.12
Income	260.30	276.80	-5.20	2.93
Intl Equity	255.80	275.20	-4.60	0.54
UK Income	71.44	75.99†	-1.43	2.54
Uk Intl 25	82.80	86.08	-1.65	1.50
New Europe	75.46	80.29	-1.30	0.28

PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth	630.30	674.12	-12.46	0.01
Income	367.28	392.82	-7.54	2.43
Wwide Recovery	397.58	425.22	-7.13	0.01
Amer Growth Inc	231.41	247.50†	-5.27	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	266.76	285.31	-5.57	0.03
Far Esrn Grth Inc	318.60	340.82	-3.33	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	145.42	155.53	-4.06	0.38
UK Growth Inc	94.33	100.89	-1.76	2.07
High Income	100.63	107.65†	-1.86	3.26
Jap Gwth Inc	233.71	248.43	-1.70	0.01
PEP Growth	124.75	133.43	-2.56	0.52
Asian Str Mkts Inc	149.25	159.63†	-5.15	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	140.97	150.76	-3.33	0.01
Global Bond	64.76	68.44	-0.11	5.25
UK Smaller Cos Inc	83.19	88.99	-3.85	0.94

PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd. 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	112.62	119.61	-0.52	..
European	72.76	77.40†	..	0.25
Global	74.62	79.38	-0.75	..
Pacific	74.04	78.77	-0.63	0.05
UK Inc & Grth	71.21	75.75	-0.12	1.80

POINTON YORK UT MGRS
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX
0533 550 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
BRI Director Digs	112.26	119.56	-0.74	..

PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Portfolio	172.83	182.96†	+11.00	0.58

PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458 721

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	63.15	66.93	-1.40	1.72
Growth Income	64.55	68.42	-1.35	1.29

PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN
0732 740 700

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Principal Tst	144.60	153.64†	-2.85	1.84

PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD
Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Income	99.95	106.30†	-1.00	2.66
Conv & Gilt	130.80	139.20	-1.20	5.00
European Income	77.78	82.75	-1.69	2.31
Extra Income	166.40	177.00†	-3.00	3.39
Far East	431.00	458.50	-8.10	0.20
Global Income	29.34	31.21†	-0.53	3.99
High Income	126.10	134.20	-2.40	3.14
International	221.70	235.90	-4.80	0.35
Pref & Fxd Int	46.11	49.06†	-0.15	6.88
Recovery	85.54	91.00	-2.27	1.57
Special Sits	115.50	122.90	-2.70	1.38
Technology	349.60	371.90	-5.90	...
UK Blue Chip	72.63	77.18	-1.52	2.48

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX
0622 674 751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	56.37	59.97	-1.75	2.53
International	95.84	101.96	-2.06	0.66
Gilt	26.94	27.77†	-0.17	6.09
Income & Gwth	80.00	85.11†	-3.68	3.62
European	52.68	56.04	-1.23	1.13
American	55.69	59.24	-1.11	0.05
Emerging Mkts	107.87	114.75	-1.57	0.44
UK Smaller Cos	33.70	35.95	-1.79	1.50
Gilt/Fixed Interest	29.28	31.15	-0.24	5.13
Global PEP	41.94	44.62	-1.49	1.40

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA
0256 768 888

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Inc	257.30	275.40	-6.40	0.70
Japan Inc	109.31	116.70	-0.60	..
Nth American Inc	118.30	127.40	-2.60	0.12
Worldwide Inc	174.00	187.50	-3.30	0.66
Hong Kong Inc	198.60	209.90	-11.90	0.78
Swiss Equities Inc	70.39	75.28	-1.76	0.33
Wwide Bond Inc	67.05	71.12	-0.14	6.21
Emging Asia Inc	222.00	241.40	-8.30	0.37
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.02	51.05†	+0.01	5.41
Thailand Inc	151.90	163.80	-8.20	0.91
Gold Trust Inc	88.96	96.48	-2.06	0.18
New Zealand Inc	94.54	100.70	-0.60	0.44
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	69.47	75.28	-2.06	3.56
Latin Am Cmp Inc	107.40	114.90†	-0.90	0.03
UK All Sh Mirr Inc	62.96	67.56	-1.57	1.89
Le Fond Francais	72.80	77.85	-2.02	0.38
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	84.15	90.00	+0.70	1.31
Global Portfolio	76.15	81.08	-1.31	..
Global Opps	76.24	81.54	+0.34	0.42
Marsh Global Gnth	74.22	79.71	-2.46	1.75
AAM Global Equity	63.74	67.61	-0.22	0.71
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	96.34	104.10	-2.30	0.87
CAM Brit Inc Inc	50.34	53.09†	-0.03	1.69
CAM Intl Recvy Inc	52.49	56.86	-2.22	0.86
Temple Equity Inc	51.04	55.71†	-1.72	2.86
Hanley Growth	63.11	65.42	-2.03	1.19
Intl Growth Inc	85.27	91.20	.	1.42
IPS Portfolio Inc	94.25	100.87†	+0.30	0.22
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	52.79	55.27	+0.09	...
Premier Perfmc Inc	75.06	80.20†	+0.07	0.35
Roxburgh Strat Gth	79.92	85.46	-0.10	0.73
Tech Analysis	111.30	118.00	-4.70	0.76
Rowhers Growth	45.06	47.96	-0.92	..
International Strat	94.03	99.49	-1.14	..
UFC Ind-Acc Gth	60.24	64.53	-0.70	.
Coverdale Topour	56.02	60.43	-0.05	.
Prem Equity Inc	100.30	106.60	-1.10	
Lowes Intl Growth	47.27	49.76	-0.41	

PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA
071 588 3903

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth	175.90	187.10	-4.50	1.45
European Gth	98.88	104.80	-1.80	0.42
Income & Gth	147.00	156.40	-3.10	2.48
Japan Gth	125.70	133.20	-0.60	.
Nth Amer Gth	122.60	130.40	-2.50	.
Overseas Gth	92.52	98.43	-2.17	...

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricebank 0426 925 091

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	38.90	41.60	.	1.30
Cash Haven Inc	101.69	102.19	..	4.13
Cash Haven Acc	107.86	108.39	..	4.13
Global Growth	95.81	102.47	.	0.78
Equity Inc	94.20	100.67	..	3.11
Equity	789.83	844.73	.	2.06
European	215.67	230.66	..	0.76
High Income	101.10	108.12	..	3.75
Intl Gnth	193.21	206.64	..	0.92
Intl Sm Co	85.29	91.21	..	0.26
Japanese	213.30	228.12	..	
Nth Amer	166.15	177.70	..	0.67
Pacific Mkts	120.11	128.45	..	0.65
Premier Inc	53.28	55.47	...	5.80
Sm Cos	100.44	107.42	.	1.73
Spec Sits	119.78	128.10	.	1.90
UK Growth	131.87	141.03	.	1.84

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
0892 510 033

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Life	331.60	351.80	-6.20	2.70
Reliance Inc	183.60	195.20	-4.90	2.34

ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD
Baltain House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 295 2565

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	106.20	112.70†	..	1.75

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4
Dealers: 071 280 5000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FA America (Inc)	536.64	571.70	-7.54	0.77
FA America (Acc)	625.34	666.21	-8.76	0.77
FA UK Equity Inc	173.67	185.70	-3.22	2.87
FA Japan	280.26	298.68	-1.42	
FA Major UK Cos	103.16	110.17	-1.84	1.90
FA Smllr UK Cos	314.57	345.75	-6.34	0.80
FA European	315.83	334.18	-4.32	0.46
FA Amer Smllr Cos	48.18	51.52	-0.31	..
FA Asia	59.13	63.46	-2.27	
FA Jap Smllr Cos	51.95	55.53	-0.24	.
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	101.22	106.54	-1.76	
UK Smllr Cos	89.94	94.72	-1.74	..
UK Income	99.79	105.03	-1.82	..
America	107.11	112.73	-1.48	.
Japanese	61.45	64.68	-0.30	..
European	100.13	105.39	-1.36	.
Gilt	90.33	95.06	-0.64	.
Deposit	79.36	83.53	+0.04	..
Managed	104.49	109.99	-1.58	.
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	98.79	103.98	-1.72	..
UK Smaller Cos	88.15	92.78	-1.71	.
UK Income	97.60	102.73	-1.78	
America	104.51	110.00	-1.45	
Japanese	59.96	63.13	-0.31	
European	97.76	102.90	-1.33	
Gilt	88.91	93.59	-0.62	.
Deposit	75.68	79.67	-0.03	.
Managed	99.18	104.39	-1.91	..

ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE
Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000
Dealing: 0733 393 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United States	76.08	81.15	...	0.11
Pacific Basin	89.32	95.66	-1.67	...
High Inc Dist	140.00	149.70	-2.70	4.06
Ryl Life Intl Cmty	64.45	68.54	-0.60	3.28
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	70.22	75.00	-1.09	0.32
Ryl Life Intl Spec	65.37	69.53	-1.24	..
UK Emerging Cos	128.30	136.60	-1.80	1.36
UK Index Trckg	181.20	193.10	-2.00	2.89
European	123.10	132.01	-1.90	0.24
Managed	151.30	162.70†	-2.30	0.79

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA
0206 764 400

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	156.00	165.10†	..	0.27
European Growth	112.90	119.30	+0.50	0.48
Far East Growth	157.80	167.90†	+2.00	.
Japan Growth	151.00	160.60	+1.10	..
Special Sits	217.10	230.90	+0.40	1.13
UK Growth	84.01	89.37	-0.16	1.60
Trilon General	251.60	267.70	-0.80	0.27

ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS
041 307 6500

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Far East Inc	200.40	212.10	..	0.21
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	357.00	378.40	..	0.42
Growth Inc	134.60	142.40	..	0.02
International Inc	352.30	372.80		
Nth Am & Intl Inc	341.10	361.00	.	0.47
UK Gen Prog Inc	223.90	236.90	.	0.70
UK High Inc Inc	152.10	160.90	.	3.11

SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DU
071 330 0572

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	65.86	70.09	-1.71	..
Amer Smllr Cos	83.96	89.34	-2.61	.
Asian Gwth	129.22	137.47	-4.97	0.75
European Gwth	71.52	76.40	-1.53	1.00
Global Bd	63.14	66.74	-0.23	5.00
Global Eq	70.98	75.51	-1.15	0.50
Japanese Eq	59.98	63.81	-1.14	..
Japan Sm Cos	71.80	76.39	-0.41	
UK Gen	59.99	63.82	-0.73	2.80
UK Gwth	65.22	69.35	-0.56	1.75

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766 966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc & Gwth	73.99	78.61	-0.77	3.48
Amer Smllr Cos	112.40	119.60†	-1.40	.
Asian Smaller Cos	63.10	67.13	-2.01	.
Capital Portfolio	140.60	149.60	-2.60	1.61
Capital	175.80	187.00	-4.40	0.92
Cash	121.80	121.80	+0.10	5.09
China Dragon	79.51	84.58	-4.39	0.80
Commodity	142.60	151.70	-2.90	0.52
Eastern Discovery	124.80	132.80	-5.00	..
Energy Inds	124.10	132.00†	-1.80	0.29
European Gwth	196.60	209.10	-4.30	0.63
Euro Inc & Gwth	81.35	86.54†	-1.46	1.42
Euro Smllr Cos	52.72	56.09	-0.67	0.50
Financial Secs	220.10	234.10	-6.10	1.00
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	54.76	57.82	-0.27	7.35
Gold & Exploration	91.35	97.18†	-1.44	0.26
High Return	250.00	266.00†	-5.30	3.06
High Yield	246.00	261.70	-4.50	3.15
Income	130.30	138.60†	-2.80	3.52
Intl Bond	177.50	187.70	-0.10	5.00
ITU	229.30	243.90	-10	0.52
Japan Growth	175.00	186.20	-1.60	.
Japan Smaller	200.90	213.70	-1.50	..
Korea	83.06	88.35	-3.02	..
Masterfund	58.16	61.87	-0.96	0.73
Scotbits	325.60	346.50†	-8.90	0.82
Scotshares	311.00	330.90	-7.10	1.61
Scotyields	258.40	274.90	-4.70	3.39
Select Intl	154.60	164.50	-2.70	0.50
Smaller Cos Inc	274.40	291.90	-4.50	3.16
SE Asia	690.00	734.00	-32	...
Special Situation	131.70	140.10	-3.10	0.55
UK Equity	259.50	276.10†	-5.30	2.04
UK Growth	70.90	75.43	-1.69	1.34
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	51.30	54.57†	-1.30	0.98
US Growth	152.30	162.00	-2.90	0.06
Univ Growth	154.10	163.90	-3.00	0.33

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3900

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Retail Funds				
American	256.17	274.90	-3.09	0.64
Australian	...	...	...	...
European Gwth	74.15	78.98	-2.29	0.56
Euro Smllr Cos	71.77	76.55	-1.42	0.06
Far Eastern Gth	109.21	116.49†	-0.92	
Gilt & Fixed Int	57.97	61.10	-0.39	6.75
Global Bond	54.90	56.71†	-0.25	5.14
Global Emer Mkts	66.54	70.97	-0.38	0.59
Income	384.32	409.94	-9.39	3.15
Japan Smllr Cos	491.00	523.73†	-1.00	...
Japan Enterprise	73.09	77.96	-0.14	
Pacific Gwth	148.86	158.80†	-5.23	..
Seoul	59.95	64.72	-3.09	..
Smaller Cos	229.94	245.26	-4.86	0.49
Tokyo	122.28	130.43	-0.01	...
UK Enterprise	263.41	280.97†	-6.63	1.98
UK Equity	255.04	272.04†	-6.26	2.17
US Smllr Cos	156.96	167.41	-3.91	
World Fd	84.67	90.31†	-1.06	1.63
Institutional Funds				
European	226.43	246.28†	-2.93	1.11
Euro Smllr Cos	29.68	30.91	-0.24	1.49
Global Equity Inc	86.02	93.97	-1.15	0.54
Japan Smllr Cos	37.87	39.44†	-0.13	0.09
Mngd Balanced	197.80	205.83	-3.57	2.20
Overseas Equity	193.79	201.96†	-3.24	0.56
Oseas Smllr Cos	127.46	132.79	-1.56	0.25
Pacific	290.00	302.08	-10.82	0.61
Recovery	2097.7	2185.1†	-59.12	2.25
UK Index	165.03	171.90	-3.00	2.55
UK Small Cos	127.55	132.86	-2.17	2.33
US Smllr Cos	44.56	46.41	-1.26	0.14

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	56.16	59.82	..	2.70
Equity Trust	64.68	68.89	..	2.01
Equity Strategy	75.18	80.07	..	0.83
European Opps	89.23	95.05	.	0.49
UK Smaller Cos	71.43	76.07	..	0.91
Maximum Income	97.78	100.31	..	4.98
Japanese	79.91	85.10	..	0.01
Asia Pacific	155.87	166.00	..	0.47
American	112.67	119.99	...	0.15

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD
28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	29.68	29.68	...	4.863
UK General Inc	56.06	59.82	-0.99	2.11
Intl Income	298.20	318.10	-0.20	2.42
European	77.05	81.57	-1.37	1.16
Japan	71.74	76.15	-0.53	0.08
American	69.66	74.08	-1.29	1.70
Far East	105.34	112.36	-3.31	0.06
Ethical Inc	33.96	36.32	-0.52	1.51
UK Blue Chip Inc	35.16	37.58†	-0.76	2.30
High Inc Inc	40.48	43.31	-0.73	2.97
UK Global Inc	43.06	45.95†	-0.64	1.08
Wwide Tact	82.84	88.60	-1.35	0.32
Europe 2000 Tact	54.32	57.63	-0.74	0.81
Technology	106.51	113.61	-2.02	0.21

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	404.80	432.20	-11.70	2.36
American	282.50	299.90	-4.90	0.55
Pacific	434.70	460.20	-15.00	0.38
European	530.70	577.20	-12.60	0.92
Worldwide	100.20	107.20	-2.20	0.67

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD
109 St Vincent St Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	292.90	311.70†	-5.60	1.93
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	222.10	236.30†	-4.90	1.20
Select Oppnty Inc	74.60	79.79	-1.89	1.64
Income Plus Inc	79.21	84.27	-1.16	2.77
European Inc	354.20	376.00	-9.20	0.95
Far Eastern Inc	197.80	210.50	-6.10	0.54
Japanese Inc	65.36	69.56	-0.42	
Nth American Inc	258.20	274.70	-6.70	0.36
Intl Growth Inc	219.50	232.40†	-5.10	0.45
Wwide Venture Inc	85.53	90.99	-2.45	1.14

SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2340

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Growth Inc	25.80	27.61	-0.49	2.36
Intl Growth Inc	32.14	34.47	-0.61	0.69
Market Leaders Inc	24.56	26.29	-0.54	2.37

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU
031 668 3724

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Inc	407.60	434.70	...	2.47
UK High Inc	213.50	227.70	..	3.16
Europe Inc	349.50	372.30	..	0.64
Nth Amer Inc	229.70	243.90	.	0.64
Global Inc	226.60	244.10	.	0.64
UK Spec Sits Inc	116.60	124.36	..	2.51
South East Asia	269.90	287.80	..	1.52
Cash Trust Inc	100.60	100.60	..	4.57
UK Smllr Cos Inc	118.40	126.20	.	1.42
Intl Bond Inc	101.30	107.60	.	5.46

SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sector Recovery	179.90	189.00†	-3.96	3.53

SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO
5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	126.40	133.10†	-2.60	0.77
Nth American	106.90	112.50†	-3.80	0.42
Intl Bond & Conv	139.20	146.50	-1.50	4.23
Pooled Pension (£)	200.80	214.80		
Smaller Cos	76.64	80.68	-1.65	1.56
UK General	140.00	147.40	-2.60	1.75

SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	452.69	481.59	-12.84	3.53
Global Inc	72.52	77.15	-1.75	2.44
Brit Leaders	357.23	380.03	-11.17	2.12
Intl Leaders	215.10	229.83	-6.40	0.59
PAM Mg Bal Grth	69.77	72.49	+0.04	0.65

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European ‡	120.50	...	-2.90	..
Global Bond ‡	107.80	...	-0.20	6.40
Samurai ‡	92.57	...	-0.02	
UK Growth ‡	120.50	..	-2.70	3.15
Tai Pan ‡	117.20	..	-3.40	

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS
071 637 5377

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	307.20	325.00	+1.30	0.39
Canadian	98.09	93.21	+0.06	0.09
Capital	147.30	155.60†	-2.10	0.96
Cash	101.56	101.56	+0.01	4.61
European	140.00	146.00	-0.32	0.22
Far Eastern	191.40	202.50	-1.30	.
Growth	162.50	171.90†	-0.40	0.77
Income	144.70	153.10	-0.70	3.94
Magnum	158.00	169.60†	..	0.62
Smllr Secs	410.40	434.20	+0.50	0.19
Thoroughbred	182.90	196.43†	-0.30	0.59

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth
0202 298 422

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	50.05	50.55	+0.01	4.31
Cntrld Prfmnce	62.35	66.50†	-0.56	7.10
Ethical	63.52	67.57	-1.24	2.90
European Growth	73.43	78.23	-1.70	2.00
Income	61.36	65.47	-1.34	5.00
Intl Growth	100.60	107.30	-1.80	2.30
Managed	84.74	90.39	-1.84	3.00
UK Growth	66.84	71.30†	-1.64	3.30

STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Acc	54.61	58.03	..	1.20
UK Equity Gth Acc	79.84	84.84	-0.20	0.65
-do- High Inc Inc	42.55	45.53	-0.30	2.65
-do- High Inc Acc	51.45	54.67	-0.30	2.68
UK Equity Gen Acc	67.32	71.53	-0.30	1.63
UK Equity Gen Inc	50.74	53.92	-0.20	1.63
UK Lrgr Co Acc	466.50	506.20	-1.70	2.94
UK Lrgr Co Inc	354.00	384.10	-1.30	2.94
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	34.54	36.53	-0.10	5.45
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	322.30	349.70	-0.90	1.10
Nth American Acc	46.05	48.92	-0.90	0.56
Far East Acc	74.64	79.31	+1.20	0.04
European Acc	51.97	55.22	-0.30	0.49

STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD
29 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A (NZ$)	4.084	4.338	..	1.21
US Eqts (US$)	2.411	2.559	..	0.64
Far East Eqts (yen)	250.40	266.00	..	
Japan Eqties (yen)	256.00	271.90	..	
FT Europe	136.90	145.40	.	1.66
FT N Amer (US$)	1.821	1.931	..	1.15
FT Japan (yen)	245.50	260.80		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.950	3.027	.	0.68

STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	378.60	404.30	-4.30	0.06
British	1139.3	1215.4	-17.80	3.02
Emrging Mkts	181.60	193.40	-2.00	0.20
European	520.20	554.00	-2.40	1.01
Japan	160.60	170.30	-1.00	..
New Pacific	439.40	469.90	-13.30	0.68
Investment Tst	249.40	263.30	-10.20	0.93
Mngd Equity	186.00	198.90	-3.20	1.21
Mngd Cash	95.74	95.74†	+0.03	4.67
Majority Sits	99.58	100.58†	..	4.33

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
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Wwide Bond	62.86	66.75	-0.26	5.14
European	104.50	111.80	-2.60	
Equity Income	101.90	109.00	-2.70	3.52
Portfolio	91.50	97.86	-2.21	0.51
UK Leading Cos	61.97	65.93	-2.05	2.66
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	74.35	79.52	+0.04	.

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
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UK Income	42.82	45.80	-0.79	2.44
UK Growth	42.07	45.00	-0.92	1.63
Worldwide Growth	36.62	39.17	-0.61	0.29

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
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Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	83.48	89.28	-2.13	2.53
Mngd Wwide Gth	40.22	43.02	-0.03	..
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Smaller Cos	83.36	88.68	..	0.63
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Slctd Opps	124.00	131.92	..	0.40
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
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European Opps	..	...	..	..
Dresdner Eur Bd	44.36	46.63	-0.16	8.13
Japan Tst	87.79	93.55	-0.63	..
Little Dragons	117.40	125.22	-4.91	0.37
Oriental Income	53.49	57.05	-1.72	4.34
Tiger	324.89	346.54	-14.30	0.46
UK Blue Chip	67.21	71.71†	-2.07	2.76
UK Smllr Cos	108.32	115.64	-2.04	1.74
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Nth Amer Gwth	229.63	244.20	-6.24	0.04
European Growth	281.81	298.97	-7.47	1.06
Exempt	573.51	598.80†	-14.30	3.20
Far Eastern	..	..	..	..
UK High Yield	114.86	122.19†	-2.63	3.13
Iberian Growth	51.15	54.41	-0.92	..
Intl Growth	113.66	121.10	-2.47	0.95
Preference	133.36	141.87	-0.44	7.66
UK Recovery	292.13	310.76	-8.38	1.40
UK Smllr Cos Div	111.66	118.78†	-2.43	4.09
Smaller Cos	..	..		
UK Growth	547.85	562.83†	-15.46	1.91

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071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Exempt	371.70	391.30	.	2.01

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	35.46	37.72	..	0.51
Pacific Basin	44.81	47.45	...	0.00
Can Balncd Gwth	39.70	42.23		
Global Bond (US$)	0.9512	0.9909	.	5.52
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Challenger	104.80	107.20	-0.50	
Short Dtd Gilt	115.40	116.40	-0.60	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7231	0.7322	-0.001	2.27
Gilt Income	55.57	57.82	-0.41	8.22
Gilt Growth	77.55	80.69	-0.52	...
City Reserve	51.99	51.99†	..	4.36

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	85.51	90.83	-1.36	1.53

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

Thompson family backs Sunset

By Neil Bennett

DAVID Thompson, the founder of Hillsdown, and his son, Richard, have emerged as the financial backers for Sunset & Vine's offer for Epsom, Sandown and Kempton racecourses.

The Thompsons are leading figures in the racing world and own Windsor racecourse. They also control a 7.5 per cent stake in Sunset, a TV production company where Richard Thompson is a director. He and Colin Frewin, Sunset's chairman, are masterminding the offer.

Sunset has a stock market value of only £8.2 million, and lacks the resources on its own to buy United Racecourses, the company that owns the three sites, which is worth up to £30 million.

Sunset produces a wide range of sports programmes, including overseas racing events such as The Breeders' Cup in America, and is interested in the TV rights that would come with the three racecourses.

Meanwhile, P&O, whose interest in United has been confirmed, is keen on the exhibition facilities at Sandown and Kempton.

The two companies are among four bidders that have been short-listed by Lazards, the merchant bank, which is selling the company on behalf of the Levy Board.

United lost £1.7 million in 1992, the last year it published figures, on a turnover of £9.9 million. The sale conditions include a guarantee that the courses will continue to be used for racing.

Racecourse Holdings Trust, owned by the Jockey Club, is still the favourite to win the bid. The Levy Board will choose the successful bidder next month.

Eidos fast forwards to share of the year

By Martin Barrow

EIDOS, the video editing systems company, is the winner of the share of the year category of the Coopers & Lybrand PLC awards, staged in association with *The Times*. But it was a close call, with Banner Homes being pipped at the post by the narrowest of margins.

In 1993, shares in Eidos rose to 190p from just 21p, touching a high of 230p during the year to end with an increase of 805 per cent. The company, which came to the stock market in 1990, has yet to make a profit.

But investors are intrigued by a link forged with a company called Enabling Technologies to market Eidos' video compression software.

A director of Enabling Technologies took a 4.76 per cent stake at 28p a share in July.

Sales of the Optima and Compressor video editing systems have since improved and the company has raised £86,250 to fund the company's development through the issue of new shares to Charles

COOPERS & LYBRAND PLC AWARDS

Cornwall, a director, at 75p. Bucking the trend in the building sector, Banner Homes saw its shares rise to 117p from 12.95p last year, an increase of 803 per cent. The company saw earnings and margins recover strongly last year, with profits rising to £557,000 before tax from £4,000 in the six months to September 30.

It has taken advantage of strong demand for its equity with a well-timed £2.9 million rights issue to finance further development of its sizable landbank.

Gresham Telcomputing, the software supplier, came third among companies eligible for this award, seeing its share price rise to 111p at year-end from 29p. But in July the shares were trading at 186p, supported by rumours of a bid that did not materialise.

The annual Coopers & Lybrand awards, which will also be given for company of the year, new company of the year and entrepreneur of the year, will be held on March 10 at the Grosvenor House hotel, central London, when the guest speaker will be Michael Grade.

Dalgety wounded as supermarket battle intensifies

By Susan Gilchrist

■ Performance should pick up in the second half when recent acquisitions will contribute. The group will also benefit from lower raw material costs

THE intensifying price war between Britain's big supermarkets has taken its toll on profits at Dalgety, the snacks to petfoods group. The company, which makes almost a third of its operating profits from food retailers, said margins were under pressure as supermarkets passed on some of the pain of price cuts to their suppliers.

Pre-tax profits of £56.4 million in the six months to December 31 were virtually unchanged from last time's £56.2 million, despite the benefit of acquisitions. But the interim dividend is lifted 2 per cent, from 7.85p to 8p.

Operating profit in the foods division, which includes brands such as Golden Wonder, Homepride and Spillers petfoods, fell from £30.6 million to £27.5 million. Richard Clothier, chief executive, said profits had been hit by lower sales of Pot Noodles, which last year were bolstered by new product launches. However, he believes most of the group's brands gained or held market share, though Spillers petfoods temporarily lost some ground before a new advertising campaign.

Mr Clothier said challenging market conditions meant volume gains in all products were achieved only by aggressive pricing; selling prices, on average, were no higher than last year's. He said the worst-hit product areas, such as bagged flour, were those in which there was little room for differentiation. All brands, however, would continue to face tough competition, particularly from own-label products; price differentials were unlikely to be sustained.

Dalgety's other businesses all increased profits. The food ingredients division, which supplies seasonings and coatings to food manufacturers, lifted operating profit from £9 million to £10.9 million, helped by lower raw material costs, efficiency gains and a contribution from acquisitions. Food distribution operations increased profits from £7 million to £8.1 million, bolstered by exchange-rate benefits.

Operating profits of the agribusiness, which manufactures animal feeds and breeds pigs, edged up from £14.5 million to £15 million.

Mr Clothier said Dalgety's performance should pick up in the second half. Recent acquisitions, such as Paragon Petcare, Oldacres and Morton Foods, would contribute, and there would be benefits from lower raw material costs in ingredients and agribusinesses and from cost-cutting.

He hopes to offset continuing severe competition in the consumer food sector by increasing marketing expenditure on brands from about £30 million to £40 million. New product development will also be stepped up.

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STEPHEN MARKESON



Richard Clothier, left, and John Martyn, finance chief

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

P&P confident about future as profits double

P&P, the personal computer distributor and computing services company, accompanied more than doubled full-year profits with an upbeat tone on prospects. A move away from "box-shifting" into higher-margin areas helped group pre-tax profits jump to £4.1 million in the year to November 30, up from £2 million. Turnover dipped to £217 million (£223 million), reflecting a continued downward movement in unit product prices and the disposal of discontinued low margin businesses in Britain and Belgium. The final dividend is raised to 1.2p (0.7p), giving a total of 2p (1.4p). Fully diluted earnings, adjusted for one-off provisions, climbed to 4.3p (1.9p) a share. Net cash increased to £7.5 million (£3 million).

David Southworth, managing director, said: "The results are very pleasing and reflect the substantial progress we have made during the year. Margins held up well against the background of a difficult market. A positive start has been made in the new financial year and we are confident of the group's future prospects."

Own-label boosts Black

INCREASING moves by multiple retailers to develop own-label products are benefiting Peter Black, the toiletries-to-footwear group. The company, with personal care products that include vitamins, cosmetics and natural remedies, boosted taxable profits by 22 per cent, from £5.7 million to £7 million, in the six months to December 4. Gearing was eliminated and earnings per share rose to 8.59p (7.05p). The dividend jumps 20 per cent, to 1.12p (0.93p). Gordon Black, the joint chairman, said: "These results make it clear that there are significant organic growth opportunities for our personal care and footwear and accessories divisions."

Man City to seek listing

MANCHESTER City, the Premier League football club, intends to seek a stock exchange listing after its takeover by Francis Lee, the former England international. Mr Lee took control on Friday, ending a protracted boardroom struggle. He acquired 112,337 ordinary shares each from Peter Swales, the outgoing chairman, and Stephen Boler, which, with his 324 shareholding, gives him 29.99 per cent of the issued voting share capital. Yesterday, Mr Lee unveiled plans to raise £4 million through the issue of convertible unsecured loan stock to meet the club's working capital requirements and for player acquisitions and ground development.

F&C raising £30m

FOREIGN & Colonial, the fund management group, is to raise £30 million for two new funds that will invest in established small and medium-sized UK unquoted companies. F&C said the investments would typically be made in management buyouts and in firms seeking finance for expansion or acquisition. The new F&C Private Equity Trust will raise £20 million through a placing to institutions, with a minimum subscription of £20,000. If private investors want to take part, they must do so through a broker or financial adviser. The second fund, a UK limited partnership, will target between ten and 20 institutions to raise the balance.

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1. Full name of applicant: NORWEB plc
2. Address of the applicant or, in the case of a body corporate, the registered or principal office: Talbot Road, Manchester M16 0HQ
3. Where the applicant is a company, the full names of the current Director's and the Company's registered number.
Registered No: 2366949
Mr Kenneth George Harvey,
Sir Alan Cockshaw
Mr Bernard Benson,
Mr Malcolm George Faulkner,
Mr Peter McTague,
Mr Alec Simmons
Mr Brian Joseph Wilson
Mr Thomas Booth
Mr John Green-Armitage
Mr Peter Salsbury
4. Where a holding of 20 per cent or more of the share of an applicant is held by a body corporate or partnership or an unincorporated association carrying on a trade or business with or without a view to profit, the name and address of the holder of such shares shall be provided: NORWEB plc Talbot Road, Manchester M16 0HQ.
5. Desired date from which the licence is to take effect: 31 March 1994
6. A sufficient description adequately specifying the nature and situation of the premises intended to be supplied, separately identifying premises which in the power bands specified in and to the extent provided by paragraph 7 below, fall premises in England and Wales other than those which, during the franchise limit in the authorised areas of the following Public Electricity Supply companies together with such premises as may, from time to time, be specified by the Director (with the approval of the Secretary of State) for the purposes of paragraph 5 of Condition 2 of our second tier supply licences.
Northern Electric plc
MANWEB plc
Midlands Electricity plc
South Wales Electricity plc
South Western Electricity plc
Yorkshire Electricity Group plc
East Midlands Electricity plc
Eastern Electricity plc
London Electricity plc
Seeboard plc
Southern Electric plc
7. a.Subject of sub-paragraph b. indicate the total number of premises intended to be supplied in each power band as shown in the table below, together with the aggregate energy forecast to be supplied and the aggregate estimated maximum demand for each power band.
c. If the data in paragraph 5 is on or after 1 April 1994 then only Power Band A shall be completed and if the said date is on or after 1 April 1998 then this paragraph shall cease to have effect.

Power Band	No of Premises	Aggte Maximum Demand	Energy (GWH) to be applied
(A) Not Exceeding 0.1MW	None	None	None
(B) Exceeding 0.1MW but not exceeding 1.0MW	None	None	None

8. A description of the system of electric lines and electrical plant by means of which the applicant intends to supply electricity, indicating which plant and lines are to be constructed and which are existing plant and lines, and further identifying any parts of that system which will not be owned by or otherwise in the possession or control of the applicant. All lines and plant owned by:
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MANWEB plc
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East Midlands Electricity plc
Eastern Electricity plc
London Electricity plc
Seaboard plc
Southern Electric plc
9.A statement of the extent (if any) to which the applicant considers it necessary for powers under Schedule 3 (compulsory acquisition of land etc) and under Schedule 4 (other powers etc) to the Act to be given through the licence for which he is applying: all powers of acquisition of land etc and all other powers available under Schedules 3 and 4 to the Act necessary to carry out activities under licence as a supplier of electricity within the areas defined.
10. Details of any licences held, applied for or being applied for by the applicant in respect of the generation, transmission or supply of electricity:
Public Electricity Supply Licence
Second Tier Licence for England and Wales
Copies of the maps relevant to this application have been lodged in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Electricity (Applications for Licences and Extensions for Licences) Regulations 1990 at the 12 Regional offices of the Office of Electricity Regulation. Copies are available for inspection by the public between 10am and 4pm on any working day.
Bernard Benson
Personnel Director and Company Secretary
NORWEB plc
Talbot Road, Manchester, M16 0HQ.

LEGAL NOTICES

Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Charlecroach Holidays Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named company will be held at The Bournemouth Hotel, Southampton Row, London, WC2, on the 11 February 1994 at 11:30 AM for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act. Information concerning the Company or its affairs will be available free of charge from the offices of Peter Hickman a licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Charles David & Company Unit 4, Maitland Road, Lion Barn Ind. Est., Needham Market, Suffolk, IP6 8NZ, during the period up to the meeting of creditors.
For the purposes of voting a statement of claim and any proxy intended for use at the meeting must be lodged with the company at Unit 4, Maitland Road, Lion Barn Ind. Est., Needham Market, Suffolk, IP6 8NZ not later than 12 noon on the 10th February 1994. Dated: 14 January 1994
D.G. Bath, Director

EATON & VANCE LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, M4 1QD on Monday 14 February 1994 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr S Lord of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 3rd day of February 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Mr A Vance, DIRECTOR.

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Company Number: 985271
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE COMPANY
On the 27th January 1994 the above named company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and John Francis Boden of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
Creditors are by notice pursuant to Rule 4.182 of the Insolvency Rules (NI 1991 that the creditors of the company must send details in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 10 March 1994 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all known creditors in full.
Dated 3 February 1994
John Francis Boden

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF SOLE LIQUIDATOR
NOVALAL PLC
(In Administrative Receivership and Liquidation)
Principal Trading Address: The Merks Estate, Great Dunmow, Essex CM6 3HD
Company Number: 2448740
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 20 January 1994 David Llewellyn Morgan was appointed liquidator of the above named company (formerly trading as) Touche Ross & Co., P O Box 810, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS.

Section 295 of The Insolvency Act 1986
KEITH JOSEPH MAYMAN
IN BANKRUPTCY
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co. Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Trustee of Keith Joseph Mayman on 21st January 1994 by order of the Secretary of State.
DATED this 31st day of January 1994
N J Hamilton-Smith, Trustee

Section 295 of The Insolvency Act 1986
J E ELECTRICAL SERVICES
(A PARTNERSHIP)
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co. Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of J E Electrical Services on 21st January 1994.
DATED this 2nd day of February 1994
N J Hamilton-Smith, Liquidator

No. 805 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF GREYCOAT plc
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 28th January 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £81,727,827.10 to £54,639,441.40.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 16th day of February 1994.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 8th day of February 1994.
HERBERT SMITH
Exchange House, Primrose Street, London EC2A 2HS
Solicitors for the above-named Company

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
RHT OFFICE ASSEMBLY LTD
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)
Company Number 2256719
Nature of Business: Manufacturing assembly and storage of office furniture. Trade classification:20.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to S46(1) of the said Act, that on 31st January 1994, P S Dunn and M J C Oldham, of Latham Crosley & Davis, 7 Kearick Place, London W1H 3FF were appointed joint administrative receivers of the above company by National Westminster Bank Plc.
Dated this 2nd day of February 1994
P S Dunn & M J C Oldham, Joint Administrative Receivers (Office Holder Numbers: 2368 and 7817)

THE BUSINESS CENTRE MANAGEMENT LTD
(Company Number: 2356574)
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at The Stoke, 103 Stoke Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4JN on 14 February 1994 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act, the appointment of a Liquidator and a Liquidation Committee.
Mr D B Cowley of Leach Bright & Partners, Barratt House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5SH is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company and will furnish creditors with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required.
Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the company's registered office at Leach Bright & Partners, Barratt House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5SH not later than 12 noon on Friday, 11th February 1994.
Dated: 19/1/94
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
I.S. Wakefield, Director.

Section 293 of The Insolvency Act 1986
GERTRUDE EVANS
AND JOSEPH EDWARD EVANS
(IN BANKRUPTCY)
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co. Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Trustee of Gertrude Evans and Joseph Edward Evans on 19 January 1994.
DATED this 2nd day of February 1994
N J Hamilton-Smith, Trustee

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Astbury Scholarship Fund
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Albans House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference number: DOY/31424/01/LSL/SCH.

READER Would FRANCES and/or STEPHANIE READER, daughters of FREDERICK, late of St Albans, (or anyone knowing the whereabouts of) please contact Mr J Baskin, BASKIN ROSS & CO. 628 Finchley Road, London NW11 7RS (Tel: 081 458 6688), in their interests.

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EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHTS
Re: BOLTON LE SANDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL formerly Bolton le Sands Girls and Infants School
1. By an Indenture dated 7th January 1889 made between Sarah Tomlinson (1) The Vicar and Churchwardens of Bolton le Sands (2) the land and buildings numbered 19 on the Tithe Map and known as House and Homestead Bolton-le-Sands containing 19 perches ("the Land") was conveyed to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Bolton-le-Sands as Trustees under the School Sites Act 1841 and became part of what became known as Bolton-le-Sands C E Primary School, subject to a right of reverter to Sara Tomlinson or her heirs and assigns if the land ceased to be used as premises for a school.
2. The said school premises ceased to be used for the purposes of a voluntary school in March 1991 and pursuant to section 1 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 a trust for sale arose in respect of the land in favour of those persons who would but for the reverter of Sites Act 1987 be entitled to ownership of the land by virtue of its reverter ("the beneficiaries")
3. The trust for sale was executed on 18th December 1993.
NOW TAKE NOTICE THAT:
1. The Vicar and Churchwardens of Bolton-le-Sands as trustees by virtue of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 intend to apply to the Charity Commissioners for an Order vesting the land in them with respect to the proceeds of sale of the land pursuant of S.2 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987, to allow the proceeds of sale to be used for the benefit of Bolton-le-Sands C E Primary School.
2. The Scheme of the Charity Commissioners may extinguish the rights of any beneficiaries under the trust for sale.
3. Any beneficiary who wishes to oppose the extinguishment of his or her rights should notify his or her claim in writing to Rooncks Solicitors, 12 Richmond Terrace, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 7BG telephone 0254 56821 ref: KH/B.L.S. Trustees no later than May 7th 1994.

COMPANY NOTICES

APEX CORPORATION SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME
(Incorporated in Luxembourg R.C. No. B15609)
NOTICE OF MEETING
NOTICE is hereby given that the tenth Annual General Meeting of Apex Corporation Société Anonyme will be held at the offices of Meinhard & Co. S.A. r.l., 68-70 boulevard de la Pétrusse, Luxembourg on Thursday 3rd March, 1994 at 3.00 p.m. (local time) for the following purposes:
1. To receive and adopt the reports of the directors, auditors and commissaire for the year ended 30th September, 1993.
2. To receive and adopt the profit and loss account and balance sheet as at 30th September, 1993.
3. To consider the payment of a dividend.
4. To consider and approve an appropriation to legal reserve.
5. To grant discharge to the directors and commissaire in respect of the execution of their mandates to 30th September, 1993.
6. To receive and act on the statutory nomination of the directors, auditors and commissaire for a new term of one year.
7. Miscellaneous.
SPECIAL BUSINESS
8. To amend the Articles of Incorporation of the Company by the deletion of the words "first Thursday", where they appear in the first paragraph of Article 19 and the substitution of the words "last Friday" and the addition of the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph: "If the last Friday is a public holiday in any of the countries where the Company's shares are listed then the Annual General Meeting shall be held on the last Thursday in the month of March."
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By Order of the Board
City Group Limited
Group Secretary
8th February, 1994

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Effective advertising starts now for 1995

BY RODNEY HOBSON

SMALL businesses looking for an effective way of advertising should be thinking about 1995. Calendar and diary printers are already taking orders for next year's products.

Gordon Presly, marketing director of Bemrose, the printer, claims that calendars are the most cost-effective form of advertising.

He said: "For practicality and versatility, you cannot argue against sending calendars to customers. They hang on the wall all year and are a constant reminder of your services. No other advertising tool gives you that."

Running off a set of calendars with a company's name overprinted can cost as little as £3 each. The basic calendar has six sheets, with a picture in the middle and one month's dates down each side.

A run of 100 pictorial calendars with one month per page will cost about £500. The average customer buys 200-250 calendars each year.

A bespoke service is available, but it is mainly for larger firms because setting up costs are higher.

Mr Presly said: "We have been selling 1995 calendars for the past three months. In November, I started to select pictures for 1996."

He added: "Sales of the raunchier calendars have declined. While a company in the traditionally male world of steel and cars used to take 500 girlie calendars, they now order 200 scenic, 200 fine art and 100 glamour."

Diaries bearing a company's name cost £3 each in leatherette, and £4.50 in bonded leather.



Presly: constant reminder

Cool profit from hot property

BY CATHERINE CHESTER

SEAMUS MURPHY



Philip Saunders' magazine is read by dealers, the police and some people on the wrong side of the law

LOVEJOY would have no aggro over stolen art treasures if he read *Trace* magazine. Launched by Philip Saunders in 1988, *Trace* has exploited an unusual niche market and thrived in recession.

It is read by antiques dealers and the police, and very likely by some people on the wrong side of the law. Every month, it carries details of hundreds of stolen works of art; its role is to alert dealers to stolen property in circulation. So far, says Mr Saunders, the magazine has helped to recover stolen property worth more than £25 million.

For years before launching the magazine, Mr Saunders, formerly an art dealer in Plymouth, compiled his own database of stolen art from police lists. "I was always worried about buying something that was hot," he says. "I was also a bit of a frustrated detective."

The idea for *Trace* was researched with the help of the Association of Chief Police Officers and the Home Office. The advent of desktop publishing made the venture possible.

With a £5,000 loan from the bank and many 16-hour days, he and an ex-newspaperman got the first edition out in October 1988. Timing could not have been worse — the launch coincided with a postal strike. "Of the 12,000 copies printed, 10,000 were dumped because of the strike," Mr Saunders says. "Nevertheless, by the third issue we were breaking even. People in the right places started to notice it and were willing to pay for advertisement space."

Turnover doubled, to £129,000, between 1991 and 1992 and a £1,000 profit was put back into the business to buy computer equipment. Last year saw a substantial increase in subscription and advertising revenue. Mr Saunders sends 1,000 copies free every month to police forces around Britain. "My relationship with the police has been invaluable," he says. "Following a fine art robbery, the police usually bring the magazine to the notice of the injured party. You couldn't ask for a better endorsement."

When *Trace* was in its infancy, Mr Saunders would ring up newspapers whenever a recovery was made through the magazine. "I reckoned that was the best advertising the magazine could get. I found we got a direct response from newspaper editorial."

Advertising revenue comes from three sources: the police, victims of theft and loss adjusters working on behalf of insurers. Readers and advertisers tend to be the same people — with the obvious exception of handlers of stolen goods, who probably read *Trace* to avoid the risk of dealing with property that has featured in the magazine.

Mr Saunders said: "The theft of an early seventeenth century painting by Roelandt de Savary was advertised in the magazine and *The Antiques Trade Gazette*. After it became too hot to handle the thieves tried to sell it back through a loss adjuster and were arrested."

The magazine, an annual subscription to which costs £25, goes to 120 countries. Mr Saunders explains: "Our plan since we started was to have an international magazine. It is crucial to have it widely read, at least in Europe. So much stolen property goes to mainland Europe and even more comes the other way. This is the result of London being the centre of the stolen fine art trade."

Competition can be good for cash flow

BY RODNEY HOBSON

COMPETITIONS have provided one of the few growth areas of the economy over the past three years. As a result, new and small businesses have picked up £1,000 or more to spend on vital equipment.

Some competitions are limited to young entrepreneurs and others to a particular region. Most small businesses will find there is an opportunity to earn much-needed cash in 1994 and gain valuable advice — and win expert approval.

One of the best known competitions is the Livewire business start-up scheme prompted by Shell, the oil company. It is open to any budding entrepreneur, aged 16 to 25, who has put together, or who would like to produce, a business plan for a new enterprise. Competing businesses must have started since March 1 last year.

Prizes will total £175,000 but applications must be in by the end of this month. Forms can be obtained from Livewire, Freepost, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1BR.

Sandy Ogilvie, Livewire's UK director, says: "More and more young people are looking at the option of setting up their own businesses and the quality of advice given before the business even starts trading is very important. Livewire helps by getting young people to look before they leap and decide if their idea has a realistic chance of success."

Would-be tycoons registering with Livewire are matched with experts locally who provide free advice and support to ensure the best grounding and planning from which to launch a business.

The scheme also offers business training opportunities as well as the chance to progress through local and regional finals to the national final in London in June.

The eventual Livewire Young Entrepreneur of the Year will win £3,000 on top of prizes picked up in preliminary rounds.

Livewire has been going for 12 years and has helped 55,000 young people to plan and develop their own ideas for self-employment. It was started in Scotland in 1982, evolving from the Survival awards scheme for young self-employed. Apart from Shell, Livewire sponsors include British Rail, the Royal Mint, Northern Ireland Electricity and Kimberly-Clark.

In addition to support during the crucial early stages of business planning, Livewire also offers training programmes to support successful growth of small established companies. Other competitions are sure to follow later in the year. Last year the Business in Britain conference at the Barbican in London provided a package worth £20,000 to the winner of its Growing Business of the Year in a competition for small businesses with a turnover of at least £1 million. Regional winners won prizes worth £6,000.

The Prince's Youth Trust also dispenses prizes on a national basis. Last year, eight national finalists won £500 each on top of £500 in the regional heats. The winner got an extra £5,000.

Some local councils, chambers of commerce and training and enterprise councils run competitions. Devon and Cornwall county councils combined to produce a winner from each county in the start-up category and one each in the established business category. Closing date this year is March 31.

BRIEFINGS

A formal qualification for teleworkers is being introduced, backed by the Telecottage Association. The association has 1,300 members, which include those working from home (teleworkers) and those involved in information technology resource centres (telecottages). A telecottage typically is a shared office resource with computer and telecommunications facilities. As companies in many sectors increasingly use this latter-day out-worker concept, the number of telecottages has now risen to more than 80. The association, sponsored by British Telecom, is offering a 20-week course in business administration and information-technology operation. BT sponsorship is bringing down the cost of course fees. The course, approved by City and Guilds, aims at practical tuition covering business efficiency, financing, self-management and the practicalities of data transmission. An initial launch is on Thursday at Axe Vale Telecentre, Devon, but the eventual aim is to use about 60 telecentres as a focus for the course work. Enquiries: Lynn Chadwick, The Telecottage Association. (0538 386674).

☐ Stoy Centre for Family Business, founded by Stoy Hayward, the accountant and business adviser, is holding a series of seminars this month and next to explore some of the key problems of running this type of business, which accounts for more than three quarters of all United Kingdom businesses. They are being held in London, Manchester and Birmingham. Effective communication, successful succession planning, improving efficiency and planning a family constitution will be examined. Detailed programme from the centre. (071-486 5888).

☐ Lloyds Bank is making an offer, partly free and partly low tariff, to all its small business customers to help tackle the problems of late payment and bad debt. It is the Dun & Bradstreet business development service that the bank has hitherto offered only to new business start-up customers. It enables a small business to screen potential clients, smooth out cash flow problems and manage credit more effectively. It also provides financial management training and sales support material. The bank says it can be worth up to £1,500 in benefits. Mike Shaw, the bank's head of business banking, said: "We want to encourage customers to think about who they trade with — and on what terms — before doing business. We also want them to spot potential bad debts before it is too late." Bad debts would not go away with recovery, he warned.



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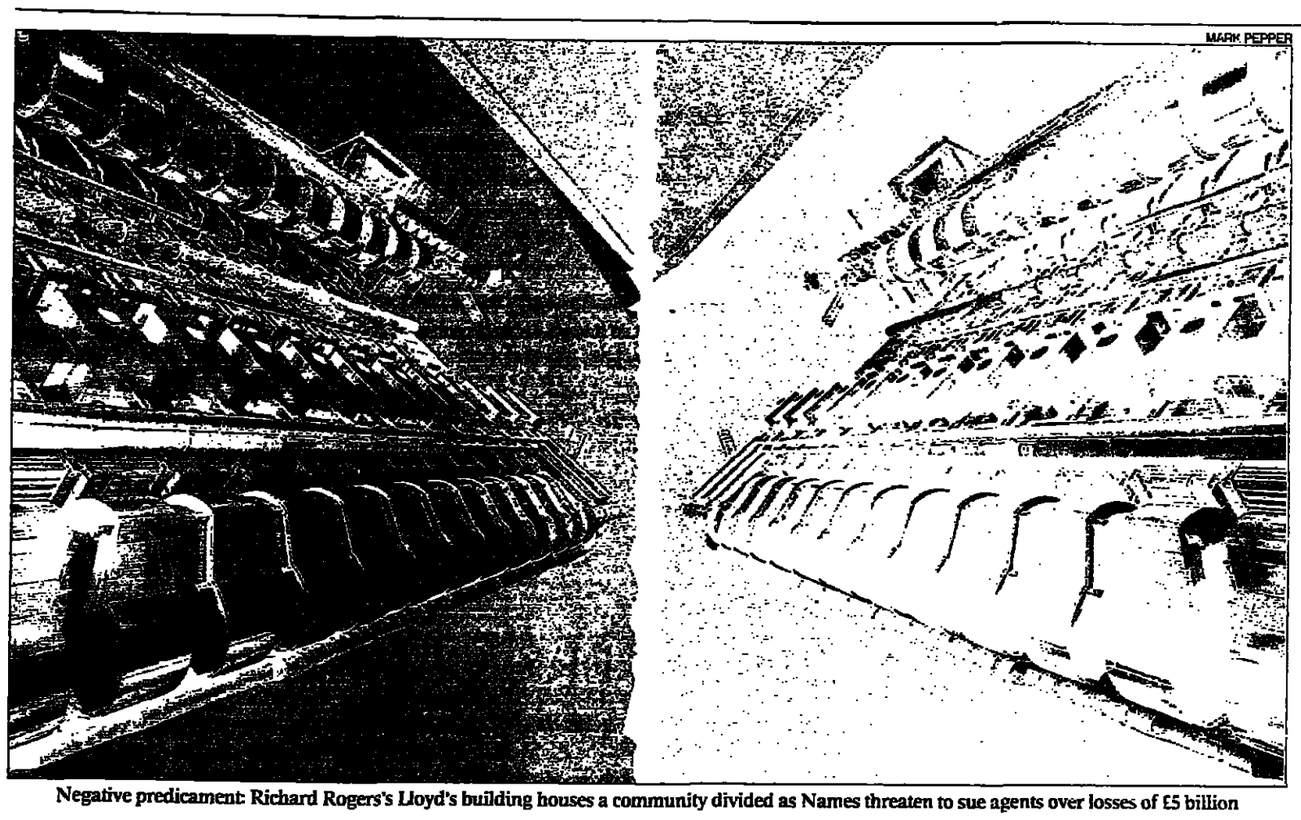
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Negative predicament: Richard Rogers's Lloyd's building houses a community divided as Names threaten to sue agents over losses of £5 billion

The Catch-22 at Lloyd's

If Names reject a £1 billion offer they face paying legal costs and their own compensation, **David Conn** says

Embattled members of Lloyd's must decide by next Monday whether to continue with fierce litigation for their past and future losses, or accept £900 million being offered as a blanket settlement of all their claims. If, as expected, the members (Names) reject the deal, Lloyd's litigation is likely to rumble on for years.

There are 31 action groups, representing 17,000 Names, seeking to recover enormous debts from allegedly negligent agents and underwriters. The largest case ever heard in an English court, by Names formerly financing syndicates run by the Gooda Walker managing agency, will start on April 26.

The writ, on behalf of 3,067 Names, claims negligence, breach of contract and breach of duty by 71 defendants, allegedly causing losses estimated at £718 million. Criminal proceedings are also possible; the Serious Fraud Office is, according to a spokesman, "looking into transactions undertaken by syndicates formerly managed by Gooda Walker".

Sixty-nine of the defendants are "members' agents", Names' representatives in the Lloyd's market, who have sought to escape liability, claiming they cannot be responsible for negligence by managing agents. This argument was rejected by the Court of Appeal at a hearing on preliminary issues in December last year.

The members' agents have petitioned the House of Lords in an attempt to have a further appeal heard, while the case against them edges nearer to trial.

The sweep of litigation and the intricacies of the 100-page settlement offer have recently taken the headlines away from the personal nature of the Lloyd's debacle. Total losses at Lloyd's from 1988 to 1990 were more than £5 billion. At the time the market was entirely financed by individuals, who were, in the language of Lloyd's, liable for the losses, "to their last collar stud".

For many of them, unlimited liability represented nothing more than a somewhat quaint tradition. "It seemed totally theoretical," says Michael Deeny, chairman of Gooda Walker Action Group. "Nobody until the late 1980s had ever been bankrupted or wiped out by Lloyd's." In retrospect, the phrase is powerfully descriptive. Membership of Lloyd's has left many Names destitute or bankrupt, with further losses from "open" years yet to come.

People have suffered mental breakdowns, alcoholism and there have been an estimated seven suicides by Names facing heavy demands from Lloyd's. Two of the suicides were members of the Lime Street Action Group, whose 500 Names underwrote business on several of the high loss-making syndicates, resulting in personal losses estimated at an average of £2 million each.

"We are not claiming that the members' agents were dishonest", says Mr Deeny, "but that they were negligent and incompetent. We are confident of victory." Mr Deeny speaks highly of Wilde Sapte, the group's solicitors. "The litigation is running ahead of schedule and under budget," he says.

Philip Rocher, the partner leading the team at Wilde Sapte, is also optimistic about winning the case, but is more concerned about whether the agents will be able to afford the damages, a further twist to the Lloyd's saga.

The money to pay such a huge sum will largely come out of "errors and omissions" (E&O) insurance policies, taken out by the agencies to cover claims by members. Much of the cover was taken out at Lloyd's itself, and so will still be borne by individual Names. "Gooda Walker did a lot of E&O insurance itself," Rocher says, "so the losses could bite the same Names."

Robert Hiscox, Lloyd's deputy chairman, believes this potentially vicious circle is a reason for accepting the settlement offer: "This litigation is an attempt by some Names to spread the loss on to a lot of Names," he comments. "Anybody who thinks they will get a better offer is wrong."

Andrew Pincott, senior partner at Elborne Mitchell, leading an 18-strong defence team, believes that the Names should accept the offer. "I've heard the total figure bandied around of £100 million for Lloyd's-related litigation if the settlement is rejected, and that wouldn't surprise me."

Costs are also being run up in a dogged rearguard action in which two representative Names, John Clementson and Gian Carlo Mason, are defending Lloyd's claims for payment.

The Names are arguing that Lloyd's itself failed to regulate the market properly, a breach of an implied contractual duty of care. However, this argument, together with a defence that the market was anti-competitive, in breach of Article 85 of the Treaty on European Union, failed before Mr Justice Saville in the High Court on December 16. Richard Slowe of S.J. Berwin, representing Mr Clementson, says the judgment will certainly be appealed.

Lloyd's is not being sued itself. Under the 1982 Lloyd's Act, it enjoys immunity from legal action except in certain narrow circumstances, a statutory protection described in a House of Lords debate last year as "a privilege unequalled in the world of commerce".

The very existence of Lloyd's own Act, said the Earl of Harrowby, was "a privilege which it abused". However, despite widespread condemnation of the market's expansion in the 1980s, and of its permissive approach to insurance methods, there is no new legislation.

Extensive changes have since been made to the market's regulatory practices and its membership. Robert Hiscox, who was instrumental in introducing and attracting limited liability company membership, seeks to leave the debris of the last few years behind. He says: "They can fight in court for as long as they want. We are going forward. In five years' time, Lloyd's will be dominated by corporate, not private capital. What we are organising now is the elegant transformation from one to the other."

When the transformation is complete, elegant or not, the recent past will be seen as a watershed in Lloyd's history, the end of the era of predominantly private members who put their whole personal wealth on the line. What remains to be seen, and what, barring acceptance of the settlement, will be decided in the courts, is who will survive the watershed, and who will drown.

Study exposes guilty secrets of lawyers

Researchers have gained a damning insight, says **Sean Webster**

Solicitors and barristers are regularly failing defendants by providing a badly-organised and poor-quality service, according to a study to be published shortly. The report, Standing Accused, by Professor Michael McConville, of Warwick University, and Lee Bridges, of the Public Law Project, highlights how failures by defence lawyers have resulted in recent miscarriages of justice.

Researchers studied 48 law firms throughout England over three years from 1988. They were given access to solicitors' files, attended interview sessions with suspects at police stations and accompanied solicitors and their staff to conferences with counsel.

The results indicate that throughout the defence process firms routinely delegate work to non-solicitor staff, including clerks and in some cases secretaries.

In most of the firms, work was organised so that specific tasks were carried out by these clerks, regardless of the nature of the case. It notes that "the financial pressures on legal aid lawyers are greater than those on commercial lawyers" but adds that criminal defence practices are increasingly organised to maximise their profits.

Lee Bridges says: "A case passes through different hands at each 'moment' of the system — at the police station, at office interviews, at bail and remand hearings, at trial and sentence." The clerk or lawyer given the case is often unfamiliar with the evidence and has never met the defendant.

The report notes that "with occasional outstanding exceptions, the average solicitor is little involved in preparing cases for the Crown Court and what work is done is often too little, too late."

Legal aid regulations, which provide solicitors with more money for court appearances than the preparation of cases or attending on counsel at the Crown Court, are blamed for these deficiencies. The study says that in one firm surveyed "aggressive expansionism" produced a situation in which secretaries were relied upon to service Crown Court work, with older secretaries delegating work to juniors.

In another firm, a friend of a secretary and the parents of solicitors were from time to time used to attend Crown Court. The researchers themselves were actually asked by firms to undertake legal work on Crown Court cases on several occasions. Also, staff were used who did not understand what was happening in the trial, who could not even distinguish between the various courtroom participants and who did not take a coherent note or, in some cases, a note of any kind. The researchers were asked for advice as to what should be done and were asked to identify clients and counsel.

In those firms which had the greatest market share in criminal work "overbooking" of cases and overloading of work are described as occupational hazards which non-qualified staff are forced to struggle with daily.

The defence is also criticised for merely reacting to the prosecution case rather than gathering evidence of their own to support the defence case. In many cases they wait several weeks until the prosecution give their advance disclosure. Mr Bridges says that at this stage the trail leading to evidence has often grown cold. A common example is the difficulty of tracing defence witnesses when this is left to the last minute.

Criminal defence work has grown enormously over the past two decades. The amount in grants for legal aid work in magistrates' courts has increased from £16.9 million in 1970 (at 1990 prices) to £169 million 20 years later. However, firms handling this work remain small and undercapitalised.

Mr Bridges accuses the Law Society of failing to give the profession sufficient guidance on the handling of defence work. A guide to criminal defence work in the magistrates' courts produced by the society last year is described by Mr Bridges as being much too little, much too late. The study also found that counsel is routinely changed and briefs delivered late, in several instances being put into the hands of the barrister on the day of the hearing itself.

Barristers are accused of failing to test the evidence carefully, in court and in conferences in chambers. Instead, the report says, these meetings are used to extract a guilty plea from the defendant, not to consider his wishes.

Professor McConville says that some barristers regard a guilty plea as a victory, as it is often accompanied by a reduction in sentence.

One experienced clerk questioned in the study commented: "[This counsel] is OK. Some of them are so-and-so's, trying to force people to plead guilty. That's why I always attend." In another case a barrister encouraged a defendant to plead guilty when he knew not one of the prosecution witnesses had turned up for the trial.

Professor McConville suggests that new autonomous community law centres should be created to handle mainstream criminal cases. These centres would organise duty coverage for police stations and make available specialist investigatory skills and expertise for the whole of the defence community.

● *The author writes for* Solicitors Journal.

Silent dissent

THE climbdowns last week by the Home Secretary and Lord Chancellor are spurring the various critics of current Government law and order measures to renewed lobbying to secure further changes to both the Criminal Justice Bill and the Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill.

On the first, the Bar and Law Society are gearing up for a second offensive on the right to silence. Although hopes are rising that the Lord Chief Justice may have won through on clause 28 (requiring judges to order into the witness box defendants who stay silent), there is concern that publicity over this aspect is obscuring the other provisions allowing adverse comment on a defendant's refusal to respond to police questioning.

Peers likely to line up to oppose the measures include Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, the former Bar chairman, and Lord Runciman, Royal Commission on Criminal Justice chairman. All that they now need is a former Home Secretary.

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Courting trouble

IN America, a retired Indiana school teacher has been held liable to pay $100,000 (about £67,000) towards his daughter's support, even though the mother entered a contract saying that she would never make any claim. The US Court of Appeal held that it was against public policy to allow the mother to contract away her rights. This would be the case even if the father was acting as a "sperm bank".

Children appeal

TWO test cases involving abused children are being closely followed by social workers and doctors who expect the cases to establish new guidelines on the liabilities of childcare professionals. In the first, five children are taking Bedfordshire County Council to court for failing to act quickly enough in taking them into care. The case was struck out by the High Court in November but the Official Solicitor is taking it to appeal.

In an unrelated action, a mother and her daughter are challenging a ban on their proceedings against the London Borough of Newham, which they say wrongly took the child into care.

Life's great lottery

ENTHUSIASTIC watchers of employment lawyer Denise Kingsmill's varied career may like to note that she has moved again. At the time of her high-profile move to Clyde & Co from D.J. Freeman in 1992 she said: "The most exciting part is they are going to fully resource and market the department as a new capability within the firm." But little more than a year later Ms Kingsmill has left, severing all contacts with the firm. Ms Kingsmill, who has joined the Rainbow Consortium bid for the National Lottery, says that a year with Clyde & Co was "long enough. I was invited to do this and it was an exciting opportunity."

Fraud by fax

FAXES have been winging their way from Nigerians claiming to represent firms of solicitors and bringing news of sizeable legacies from Nigerian benefactors.

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The scam almost had the charities parting with substantial sums, but the fraud was revealed when Cafod, the Roman Catholic charity, checked the source of a fax promising £150,000.

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Frances Gibb introduces the winners of The Times Law Awards 1993. The first prize of £3,000 goes to the author of the essay published below

Craig McGuire, 25, a student at The College of Law's Chester branch, has won first prize of £3,000 in *The Times Law Awards 1993* sponsored by the Norton Rose M5 group of law firms. Mr McGuire's winning entry, published below, was picked from more than 150 essays on "Can the Legal System Cope with Serious Fraud?" by a panel of judges including Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, and Barbara Mills, the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The prizes were presented at a lunch held in Lincoln's Inn Old Hall attended by a range of senior legal figures including George Staple, the director of the Serious Fraud Office, Robert Seabrook, QC, the chairman of the Bar, and John Young, deputy president of the Law Society. There were also representatives from firms making up the Norton Rose M5 group.

Presenting the prizes, Lord Mackay quoted from Mr McGuire's essay: "To the victim of a serious fraud, or even an objective bystander, the legal system appears trapped in a world of its own: lawyers grid-locked by paralysis-by-analysis, while victims fail to receive comprehensive compensation or protection."



Craig McGuire: best of 150

That was one perception of the problem, Lord Mackay said. Among the various reforms canvassed in the essays were: strengthening the regulatory bodies; greater pre-trial disclosure, and plea-bargaining.

However, again citing the winning essay, Lord Mackay said: "Greed, as the driving force of fraud and one of the eternal sins, will always be with mankind."

The winner of the second prize of £2,000 was Andrew Eastabrook, a third-year law student at Essex University. Third prize of £1,000 went to Ruth Wilkie, studying for an MPhil in criminology at Cambridge University.

Students studying for their solicitors' finals examinations at The College of Law swept the board with four of the top prizes.

Runners-up, who each won prizes of £250, were Antony Fleat, a law student at Oxford Brookes University, Andrew Mitchell, studying business law at Huddersfield University, and Rosaleen Boyle, who is taking the conversion course for non-law graduates (the common professional examination).

But among the six other finalists who made the shortlist of 12, three — as well as winner Craig McGuire — were at The College of Law studying for solicitors' finals examinations. Lai Yahaya and Sian Bishop are at the Central London branch and Lee Snook is at the Guildford branch.

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Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, chatting with finalists and guests at the awards presentation in the Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn

Far too often, swindlers simply take flight

"Fraud is infinite in variety: sometimes it is audacious and unblushing; sometimes it pays a sort of homage to virtue; and then it is modest and retiring: it would be modesty itself if it could only afford it. But fraud is fraud all the same."

Lord MacNaghten's words in the counterfeiting case Redday v Barnham (1896), show that succeeding generations have not broken the mould of history. Fraud is a persistent and prevalent offence. Serious fraud threatens the economy and integrity of the nation. Counterfeiters of British goods cost Britain at least £2 billion a year.

The huge corporate frauds as perpetrated on the electronics company Ferranti directly cost thousands of jobs. Swindlers of pension funds cost millions of pension investors peace of mind. The legal system has a key role in tackling fraud: this essay will discuss its ability to do so.

Surprisingly, there is no outright offence of fraud in English law. Fraud is a blanket term for offences involving dishonesty, ranging from false accounting to insider dealing. The legal system's approach to fraud has evolved in a haphazard way as our economy has changed.

Land, once the fundamental hallmark of wealth in the UK, has developed a rigorous and expensive defence against fraud. Today, the legal system must endeavour to adapt itself to cope with the needs of a sophisticated and dynamic commercial society.

Serious fraud is currently defined by the Serious Fraud Office as an offence involving at least £5 million and/or a high level of complexity. To tackle serious fraud the Criminal Justice Act of 1987 established the Serious Fraud Office. It is effectively a flagship legal boutique, which has yet to justify the reasons for its creation.

Other public bodies, such as the Department of Trade and Industry, the Inland Revenue, the Bank of England and the Treasury, have powers to both investigate and regulate fraud. The methods of investigation, likelihood of conviction and penalties involved vary with each agency.

In a renewed attempt to deal with serious fraud the legal system has been re-engineered; the customary accusatorial system of criminal justice replaced by an inquisitorial one.

Defendants are denied the right to silence, a centuries old privilege enjoyed since the judicial backlash against confessions obtained by torture. Furthermore, in an attempt to secure convictions, some senior lawyers have even condemned the jury system as being too amateurish. Yet, at the heart of all fraud is dishonesty, an issue traditionally decided by one's peers, not lawyers.

> "Those who operate in markets for profit should be made to finance the regulation of their market"

To the victim of a serious fraud — or even an objective bystander — the legal system appears to be trapped in a world of its own: lawyers grid-locked by paralysis-by-analysis, while the victims fail to receive comprehensive compensation or protection.

The judiciary has responded, contrary to public perception, through tougher sentencing. The wages of sin, in most serious frauds brought to trial, are likely to be a prison sentence — although in an open prison, and with the highest chances in the parole stakes.

The civil law requires reform. Civil action can be nothing more than a legal merry-go-round. In terms of cost-benefit analysis, victims of fraud resulting in liquidation can receive virtually no benefit from the massive expenditure on professional fees. Surely, the alleged £150 million should be spent on compensation to victims rather than on remuneration to professionals?

A system should be available for a judge to cut through the Gordian knot of creditors' inter-relationships and declare that expending time and money on professionals is a poor investment of creditors' money and that a package for creditors is swiftly produced. This may appear to be rough and ready justice, but the alternative is rougher still. An examination of most serious fraud concludes that most of it is perpetrated within companies: the likely perpetrators being the management. Traditional firms such as Guinness and NatWest have been as much tainted as fly-by-night operations.

The traditional legal and social dependence on the model of directors' conduct is a fallacy. The power to supervise and remove directors is largely illusory. Far too often, corporate swindlers, as the aristocrats of crime, simply take flight to a convenient jurisdiction.

As an old Portuguese proverb advises: "Laws are like spiders' silk and with that spiders' silk, a spider can spin a web which can catch many flies but never a hawk."

British accountants are often perceived as being ideally placed to give early warning signals of fraud, due to their wide-ranging statutory rights of access to their clients' books. Yet accountants only test samples of a client's accounts; hence there is a large element of luck in auditors uncovering fraud.

Furthermore, auditors must be specifically engaged to search for fraud by the directors. An activity so expensive in fees that most clients simply request the cheapest audit rather than cripple themselves with massive costs: also an activity corporate swindlers are unlikely to commission.

To an economist the optimal level of fraud may not be zero; heresy to many lawyers, supposed cures can be worse than the disease. Increasing the level of competence in detecting and preventing serious fraud must be weighed against the corresponding resource costs. Many firms take matters into their own hands, having their own security measures.

The law cannot by itself regulate behaviour. Relying on legislation is unrealistic; it is expensive and difficult to enforce. With extensive re-structuring, self-regulation can ably assist. A series of disastrous regulatory failures such as that of Robert Maxwell's activities, exposed unacceptable weaknesses of existing self-regulation.

Disciplinary tribunals and compensation schemes can be effective, if properly staffed and financed. It is only fair that those who operate in markets for profit should be made to finance the regulation of their market.

Lawyers must above all have a practical approach. There is no quick-fix solution; no crime is ever rooted out once and for all. Greed, as the driving force of fraud and one of the eternal sins, will always be with mankind.

It is laudable though that criminal charges are brought against serious fraudsters. If anything, it is a deterrent and waters down well-justified criticism that there is one law for the rich and one for the poor. There is too much focus on revenge, not compensation.

As the Government increasingly encourages personal financial planning, particularly with pensions, its primary duty is to ensure that investors are adequately protected. Although conviction of a sophisticated corporate criminal is difficult, there is more than one way of skinning a cat. Bankruptcy, the humiliating fall from grace, and forced exile from the business world are tough sentences.

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Concealing discovery material

Milano Assicurazioni SpA v Walbrook Insurance Co Ltd and Others
Before Mr Justice Waller
[Judgment January 25]

A plaintiff should not be allowed to amend a statement of claim endorsed on a writ and so in the public domain where the amendment made use of material obtained on discovery from the defendant and the plaintiff intended to use it for some purpose ulterior to the pursuit of the action. Instead the amendment should be made as a statement of claim separate from the writ and thus not available for public inspection.

Plaintiffs should be cautious about putting material obtained on discovery into a specially endorsed writ, which would be available for public inspection, where such material could equally well be put in a separate statement of claim not in the public domain.

Mr Justice Waller so held in the Queen's Bench Division giving directions on an application by Milano Assicurazioni SpA to re-amend further the points of claim in their action for breaches of reinsurance contracts against Walbrook Insurance Co Ltd and other insurance companies.

Mr David Mildon for the plaintiff; Mr Gavin Kealey for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE WALLER said the plaintiffs had on December 1, 1993 sought leave to re-re-re-amend their points of claim, asking that they should be allowed to amend their writ on which the points of claim had originally been endorsed and re-issue it pursuant to Order 20, rule 10 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. The plaintiffs wished to regularise matters so that third parties could see the present state of the pleaded case if they wanted to do so.

His Lordship and counsel were then under the misapprehension that a pleading, at least once the action was set down for trial, would be a public document whether it was endorsed on the writ or served in the course of proceedings. Further research by counsel had now established that pleadings other than statements of claim endorsed on the writ were not public documents. The plaintiffs had returned for an order that would enable them to amend and re-issue the writ.

The defendants resisted the granting of such an order and sought an injunction restraining the plaintiffs from showing any third party any points of claim on which the plaintiffs obtained leave to amend.

They said that the plaintiffs were seeking to use information that the plaintiffs had obtained from discovery given by the defendants, either in breach of confidence by virtue of an express agreement, or at the very least in breach of the implied obligation not to use the same save for the purposes of the action.

The case raised the question where a plaintiff was simply free to amend a specially endorsed writ to allege that which he had discovered from the defendant's documents, if the amendment would disclose information so discovered.

It raised the question whether it was intended that there should be a distinction drawn between a specially endorsed writ which was available to be inspected and other pleadings, for example, a statement of claim not so endorsed on the writ, or a defence and counterclaim to a points of claim which might in different circumstances say precisely the same thing.

The plaintiffs' undertaking to the court on taking discovery of documents in the defendants' possession had been identified by Mr Justice Hobhouse in *Prudential Assurance Co v Fountain Page* ([1991] 1 WLR 756). It was an undertaking not to use the material or allow it to be used for any purpose other than the conduct of the action. It must not be used for any collateral or ulterior purpose.

When the court had to consider whether a party should be released from the undertaking a very strict view had been taken in relation to whether there should be a release of information to a third party for the purpose of enabling that third party to pursue a claim against the party who originally gave discovery: see *Bibby Bulk Carriers v Consulex* ([1989] QB 155).

It was not *prima facie* a breach of the undertaking to read the document in open court, but if the purpose in so doing was ulterior to the litigation in hand it seemed to his Lordship it could and would be. It might not be a breach to use information for an ulterior purpose simply for a party to issue a specially endorsed writ referring to information obtained by pre-action discovery. But it might be, if the intention was to provide that information to third parties so that they too could bring an action.

His Lordship did not shrink from suggesting that plaintiffs should in fact be circumspect when considering whether to put matters in a specially endorsed writ, in the public domain, which they had obtained on discovery, when they could equally easily produce a separate statement of claim where the information was not in the public domain.

On the facts of the case it was clear that third parties had been requesting disclosure of the amended and re-amended statements of claim in order to see what allegations were being made. The third parties wanted the information in order to launch their own attacks.

The court should certainly not allow the release of a pleading which was not already in the public domain to third parties in such circumstances and should not allow an amendment to a writ so as to produce a document that was available to the public when there was an ulterior purpose behind the amendment.

The court would obviously allow an amendment which produced points of claim in a separate document which was not then filed and open to public inspection. It would also allow an amendment of the of the writ to the extent that it was desired to produce a general endorsement that accurately reflected in general terms the present claim.

Solicitors: Wilde Sapte; D. J. Freeman & Co.

Actual control under safety laws

RMC Roadstone Products Ltd v Jester
Before Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Mrs Justice Smith
[Judgment January 28]

An employer's mere capacity or opportunity to exercise some control over the activity of an independent contractor was not enough to bring that activity within the ambit of the employer's conduct of his undertaking for the purposes of section 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. While complete control was not necessary, there had to be the actual exercise of, or the common law duty to exercise control over the activity.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing the appeal by way of case stated of RMC Roadstone Products Ltd against its conviction on November 12, 1992 by Bexley Justices of an offence under section 33(1) of the 1974 Act of failing to discharge its duty under section 3(1) to conduct its undertaking in such a way as to ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, that persons not in its employment who might be affected thereby were not exposed to risks to their health or safety.

Mr David Richardson for the appellant; Mr William Hoskins for the prosecution.

MRS JUSTICE SMITH said that the appellant, which carried on the business of manufacturing road-making materials, had engaged Mr Hans Derhun and Mr Eric Poulter, general repairers, to replace some broken asbestos sheets in the side of a tower at the appellant's premises. There was no suggestion that Mr Derhun and Mr Poulter were anything other than genuine independent contractors.

Use was to be made of some old asbestos sheets forming part of the roof of a disused factory adjacent to the appellant's premises. The contractors were to remove the sheets therefrom. The only equipment provided by the appellant was a front-loading shovel.

The justices found that the appellant was in a position to give specific directions to the contractors on how the work was to be done but it was implicit in the justices' findings that the contractors were in fact left to do the work in any way they chose. The appellant was under no duty to lay down a safe system of work for the contractors and did not do so.

At a moment when Mr Derhun was alone on the roof of the factory, he fell through a skylight on to the ground and suffered fatal injuries. The immediate cause for his fall was not known.

Her Ladyship said that in order to establish *prima facie* liability under section 3(1) the prosecution had to prove three elements:

1 That the defendant was an employer;
2 That the activity or state of affairs which gave rise to the complaint fell within the ambit of the defendant's conduct of his undertaking, and
3 That there was a risk to the health or safety of persons, other than his employees, who were affected by that aspect of his conduct of his undertaking.

A conviction would follow unless the defendant was able to satisfy the court, on the balance of probabilities, that it had done all that was reasonably practicable to comply with the duty imposed.

A question was asked of the court whether the work carried out by Mr Derhun on the adjacent premises formed part of the appellant's conduct of its undertaking.

There being no definition of "undertaking" in the Act, a defendant's undertaking was, in accordance with the dictionary meaning, his business or enterprise.

As counsel for the appellant had accepted that the maintenance and repair of its premises was included in the appellant's undertaking, the question could be put otherwise: in acting through independent contractors, rather than its employees, could the appellant be still said to have been "conducting its undertaking"?

Counsel for the appellant relied on *dicta* of Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle in *Austin Rover Group Ltd v HM Inspector of Factories* ([1990] AC 619, 634), a prosecution under section 4 of the Act. There, reviewing the scheme of the Act, his Lordship had said, three of their Lordships agreeing, that sections 2 and 3 imposed duties on a single person who was in a position to exercise complete control over the matters to which the duties extended.

While her Ladyship found it inconceivable, contrary to the respondent's contention, that Parliament should have intended that there should be criminal liability for matters over which the defendant had no control; the respondent's alternative submission that complete control was not necessary, so that where control was shared by both the independent contractor and his principal the activity in question might form part of the conduct of the undertaking of each, was more attractive.

The case of *Carmichael v Rosehall Engineering Works Ltd* (1984 SLT 40) lent support to the proposition that a defendant's conduct of his undertaking was not limited to those activities over which he had complete control.

Her Ladyship concluded with great hesitation that Lord Jauncey, who did not hear argument on the point, might not have considered all the variety of situations in which a person could share control of an activity that might still be described as the conduct of his undertaking and that the respondent's alternative submission was well founded.

Nonetheless, the conviction could not be upheld unless the respondent could establish not only that complete control was not necessary but also that the mere capacity of the principal to exercise some control over an activity, where there was no duty under the civil law so to do, brought that activity within the ambit of the conduct of his undertaking. No authority had been cited for such a proposition and her Ladyship was unable to accept it.

In her Ladyship's judgment, it was necessary for the employer either to exercise actual control over the activity or to be under a duty so to do.

If a principal chose to leave the independent contractor to do the work in the way he saw fit, the work would be wholly the contractor's undertaking. If the principal did involve himself, albeit voluntarily, then his involvement would be within the ambit of his undertaking.

If the appellant had been held under a duty, imposed by the Act, to devise a safe system of work for its independent contractors, its duty under the criminal law would extend far beyond the duty imposed by the civil law. Her Ladyship drew comfort from the fact that her conclusion was consistent with the proposition which the Court of Appeal had accepted in *R v Swan Hunter Shipbuilders* ([1981] ICR 831) to the effect that the Act, at least so far as section 2 was concerned, was not intended to impose a duty which went beyond the common law.

In the circumstances, the justices were not entitled to find that the activity of removing the sheets, as opposed to the appellant's act of appointing contractors to do work for it, fell within the ambit of the appellant's conduct of its undertaking.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Mr I. V. Heap, Croydon; Solicitor for the Health and Safety Executive.

No penalty after VAT correction

Commissioners of Customs and Excise v P & O Steam Navigation Company
Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Sir Tasker Watkins
[Judgment January 26]

A misdeclared value-added tax return corrected by a compensating misdeclaration in respect of the same transaction for the following accounting period with no overall loss of VAT did not render the trader liable for a serious misdeclaration penalty under section 14 of the Finance Act 1985.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal brought by P & O Steam Navigation Company against the decision of Mr Justice Simon Brown (*The Times* October 9, 1992) when he allowed the appeal of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise from the decision of the London VAT Tribunal, presided over by Judge Medd, QC, to allow P & O's appeal from a serious misdeclaration penalty imposed by the commissioners for £99,222.60 plus £3,459.23 default interest.

Mr David Milne, QC, Mr Gerald Barling, QC and Mr Adrian Shipwright for P & O; Mr Kenneth Parker, QC and Miss Alison Foster for the commissioners.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that P & O's prescribed accounting period for VAT was a calendar month. On May 30, 1990 P & O rendered a monthly return for April with a figure of £1,977,211 for VAT reclaimed for purchases and other inputs which included £334,987 worth of input tax recoverable under two invoices dated May 2.

When the May return was rendered at the end of June it omitted any reference to the two May invoices or the input tax to which they referred. The error was discovered by the commissioners' VAT officer on a routine audit control visit.

In the Court of Appeal, P & O raised an argument based on section 14(4) of the Finance Act 1985 which, in his Lordship's judgment, was decisive of the appeal.

Section 14(4) set out the method of calculating the "tax ... which would have been lost" for the purposes of subsections (1) and (2), for a prescribed accounting period. Subsection (4) defined that phrase as the aggregate of "(a) the amount (if any) by which credit for input tax for that period was overstated: and (b) the amount (if any) by which output tax for that period was understated".

"That period" clearly meant the prescribed accounting period. Subsection (4) then provided that "if for any period there is an understatement of credit for input tax ... allowance shall be made for that error in determining the tax for that period which would have been so lost".

P & O argued that the word "any" in the last part of subsection (4) was to be taken literally, and included the period of the calendar month of May 1990.

In its return for that May period P & O understated its credit for input tax by failing to claim a credit for the amount of the input tax which it had mistakenly claimed in the April period.

If allowance was made for that error in determining the tax for the April period which would have been lost if the inaccuracy had not been discovered, then no tax would have been lost for the April period so as to give rise to liability for a penalty under section 14(1).

His Lordship was content to decide the appeal on the literal wording of section 14(4) and accepted the arguments on behalf of P & O. Had his Lordship been in any doubt as to the true construction of subsection 4, it would have been resolved in favour of P & O by the application of the well known canons for construction of a section, such as section 14, which imposed a penalty.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson delivered a concurring judgment and Sir Tasker Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: Lovell White Durrant; Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

Review of current position in all Lloyd's litigation

Lloyd's Litigation: Note

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GALLERIES: Two revelatory shows in New York; plus market news and London recommendations

Genius in a strange landscape

Richard Cork reviews shows of Lucian Freud and Degas at the Metropolitan Museum in New York



The Field of Flax, 1892, included in a New York survey which reveals for the first time the full extent of Degas's preoccupation with landscape

Until recently, Lucian Freud was all but ignored by the American gallery-going public. While his old friend Francis Bacon became the most esteemed British artist in the US, Freud remained virtually unknown. So the advent of his major show at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York's grandest exhibition venue, is a momentous event. How would a city so long in thrall to Sigmund Freud and his proliferating disciples react to the art produced, largely over the past few years, by his no less tenacious grandson?

The answer is astonishing. Far from suffering continued indifference, Freud the painter now finds himself the talk of Manhattan. Visitors are thronging the rooms superbly installed by William S. Lieberman, chairman of 20th-century art at the Met. A remarkable tally of 130,000 visitors has so far been notched up, and more than 9,000 on one recent Sunday alone. With more than a month yet to run, attendances have already outstripped the buoyant total recorded during the show's previous run at the Whitechapel Art Gallery. And judging by the reactions I encountered, when delivering a public lecture on Freud to a capacity crowd at the Met, New Yorkers are debating his merits with extraordinary passion.

The reviews have proved equally outspoken, ranging from rapturous advocacy to derisive condemnation. Readers of *The Times* who recall my assessment of the exhibition's London version will know that I side with Freud's admirers. But the Met's presentation stimulated me into looking at his work with fresh eyes. The sequence of rooms could hardly be more removed from the Whitechapel's all-white, barn-like display. Vastness has been replaced by intimacy, and coolness by warmth. In London, the pictures were subjected to the minimum of room divisions. But the New York survey is broken down into a series of compact spaces, all encouraging us to engage with the images as closely as Freud himself scrutinises his sitters.

The outcome grows increasingly intense. Moving from an expanded selection of the early paintings, with their glacial, almost hallucinatory detail, we find ourselves confronted by the more freely and richly worked paintings of his maturity. Freud is now at the height of his formidable abilities, and a new painting added to the show proves that he continues to explore human vulnerability and resilience with as much hawk-like power as ever.

By a felicitous chance, the other exhibition at the Met is a pioneering survey devoted to an unfamiliar aspect of an artist venerated by Freud. The images Degas produced of ballerinas, racehorses and women at their toilet have long been among the most popular of all Impressionist pictures. Many of the finest are displayed in the Met's permanent collection, but Degas the landscapist is scarcely visible there. Now, through the devoted researches of the British artist and historian Richard Kendall, the true extent of his preoccupation with landscape is disclosed for the first time.

> Degas relishes the notion of landscape as an inviolate place, hushed and secluded

Although Degas was primarily involved with the human body, few of the 75 paintings, pastels, prints and drawings assembled here use the landscape merely as a backdrop for narrative subjects. Even in his student days, when he toured Italy and copied Renaissance figure paintings, the countryside is studied for its own sake. In a wonderfully understated yet complete oil sketch of 1856, the 22-year-old artist gazes through an arch towards a heavily foliated Neapolitan vista. Most of the deep green woods are in shadow, but a small burst of sunlight irradiates a distant house. This sudden luminosity is tantamount to a quiet revelation, and Degas's prodigiously keen eyesight defines the fortress of Capodimonte on the horizon with absolute sharpness.

In later life, that laser-like vision would fade into blindness. But the youthful Degas seized on the most far-off elements of a chosen panorama. One extraordinary pencil drawing of a *Roman Landscape* picks out the tiniest trees and boulders with a miniaturist's precision. There is nothing pedantic about this exactitude, though. Degas is always aware of the totality. He alternates with sometimes disconcerting freedom between areas of painstaking detail and passages where an indistinctness bordering on fuzziness prevails. It is as if he continually questions his own involvement with the microscopic, breaking off from delineating a diminutive building, and asserting the right to be boldly simplified.

This is the side of Degas which made him alive to his most audacious Impressionist contemporaries. Although some early landscape studies are used as fodder for the backgrounds of over-theatrical history paintings, which stress his involvement with tradition, he decided in 1869 to concentrate on an extended series of seascapes. They are, admittedly, modest in size and reliant on pastel alone. But they bear no trace of his former fascination with subjects as recondite as *The Daughter of Jephtha*. Now, on a summer trip to the Normandy coast, Degas followed Boudin and Monet in his concentration on sea, sky, sand and cliffs. These limpid images must have made him feel as if he had reached a clearing after the tangled elaboration of the historical scenes. Figures are scarcely detectable. Degas revels in emptiness, and stresses immensity at every turn.

On the rare occasions when people do appear, they are reduced to minuscule strokes on otherwise bare stretches of beach. Boats defined with equal spareness sometimes punctuate the unruffled water. But more often than not, Degas is a thorough-going minimalist. *Seascape at Sunset* seems almost as reliant as a Rothko on horizontal bands of soft and hazy colour.

Not that his central commitment to the human figure waned for long. Ballet scenes and portraits dominated Degas's production in the 1870s, when the Impressionist revolution was at its height. Despite his continuing interest in the racecourse, he marked himself out as an interpreter of the urban scene par excellence. So even his warmest supporters were surprised when, in November 1892, he devoted the whole of his first one-man show to landscapes. Held at the Galerie Durand-Ruel, the exhibition contained around 25 images executed in an idiosyncratic blend of pastel and monotype. The critics were astounded to find Degas proclaiming such a sustained engagement with the countryside, and the Met's success in reuniting these little-known pictures forces us to alter our view of his overall achievement.

Travelling by horse-drawn carriage through Burgundy in 1890 provided him with perhaps his most enthralling experience of the French landscape. His host, in a village north of Dijon, was the painter-printmaker Georges Jeanniot. And he recalled that Degas was "in raptures over the journey". Impatient to begin work at once, he impressed Jeanniot with his mastery of the monotype process, manipulating ink on a copper plate and then printing the dark image on a sheet of paper.

All the same, the strangest and most hypnotic aspect of these landscapes is their austerity. However ecstatic Degas may have felt, he reserved his enthusiasm for unassuming locales. Lacking the exuberant verdancy which Monet so often celebrated, and subdued to the point of dryness, these images have the elusiveness of dreams. In one picture, Degas indulges in gentle humour by hinting at the forms of a recumbent woman within the dip and swell of a clifftop. But elsewhere his approach is reverential. Although Vesuvius erupts in a roseate 1892 work, recalling a pencil study he had made 35 years before, nothing disturbs the placidity of the river bank, wheatfield and craggy eminence depicted in other works.

Degas relishes the notion of landscape as an inviolate place, hushed and secluded. His own passion for privacy doubtless made him identify with these out-of-the-way, unfrequented settings. The prevailing mood is so restrained that the sudden advent of a pale blue field of flax in full bloom triggers a sensuous shock. Even here, though, Degas confines himself to essence alone. No elaboration is permitted, and the outcome often looks uncannily prophetic of 20th-century abstraction. These tender landscapes disclose the most mysterious and innovative part of his complex imagination. They prove how much we have yet to learn about this most secretive, multi-faceted and unpredictable of all the great French painters who provided the forcing-house for the growth of modern art.

● Degas Landscapes *at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York (212 570 3951) until April 3. Richard Kendall's sumptuous book is published by Yale University Press.*
● Lucian Freud: Recent work *continues at the Met until March 13*

GALLERIES: CRITIC'S CHOICE

● **VICTORIAN ILLUSTRATED BOOKS 1850-1870:** When Forrest Reid wrote his classic book *Illustrators of the Sixties* in 1928, the notion of taking seriously these commercial artists working often for ephemeral magazines and having their designs interpreted by professional wood-engravers came up as though new-minted. The vogue it created died down, but the fascination persists, along with the scholarship to validate it. One of the leading scholars and collectors in the field, Robin de Beaumont, has given his collection of books, magazines and original drawings to the British Museum, and this BM exhibition does the donation proud. Of course the Pre-Raphaelites like Millais and Rossetti hold up well, but the less familiar styles and ideas of full-time illustrators like Arthur Boyd Houghton and G.J. Pinwell are excitingly original and distinctive.

● **THE STUDY OF ITALIAN OLD MASTER DRAWINGS:** The drawings themselves are fascinatingly diverse and full of wonders. But this is a show about ideas as well as artworks: it introduces us to the world of connoisseurship. The peg for this is the career of Philip Pouncey, deputy keeper of prints and drawings at the British Museum for many years and later a director of Sotheby's. He must have had a fantastically retentive visual memory; most of his legendary identifications can have come about only through the indelible lodging of images in the brain. The show sends one away with a new respect for his kind of connoisseur.

British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-636 1555) Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 2.30-5pm, until April 24.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

ART MARKET DIARY

Public debate

LEWIS Carroll's habit of photographing little girls was hardly remarked upon during his lifetime. Graham Ovenden's similar interest resulted in a raid last March by the Obscene Publications Squad. Now, after a campaign by Sir Hugh Casson, Lord Hutchinson and David Hockney, the artist's property has at last been returned and charges dropped. But the story is far from finished. On February 17, Ovenden's dealer, Nicky Akehurst, opens an exhibition of the raided material at the Akehurst Gallery in London so that visitors can "come and judge for themselves". She hopes to fire debate on the incident's implications for artistic freedom.

● FEARED for its habit of transporting treasures from these shores, the J. Paul Getty Museum in California has a particularly contentious new acquisition. He is Nicholas Turner, long-time British Museum curator of prints and drawings and exhibition organiser par excellence. The move is a double blow for this country, which is losing both a much-respected connoisseur and gaining a formidable competitor.

Slapped wrists

THE New York newspapers have been having a field day over the latest adventure of Thomas Hoving, flamboyant former director of the Metropolitan Museum. "Met's ex-main man dodges jail," screamed the *New York Post*. Now an author and journalist, Hoving had written "a mocking and vitriolic attack", to use the judge's words, on Sotheby's attempt in 1990 to sell the 14-piece Roman silver collection known as the Sevso treasure. The article was based on documents which were subject to a confidentiality order to protect information about prices, insurance and the like.

In her report, Justice Beatrice Shainswit wrote that the writer's excuses were "so mired in confusion and contradiction as to utterly destroy Hoving's credibility". Because the article had been stopped in time, however, she ruled that charges of contempt were not necessary.

● FLUSHED with the success of recovering the multi-million pound Lydian hoard from the Metropolitan Museum in New York, the Turks are at it again. Claims for other missing treasures are in train in the United States, Germany and Switzerland, and according to *Art & Auction* magazine, the British Museum comes next. The shopping list is believed to include statues from the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus — once one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. The BM denies that any official requests have been received from the Turks.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

CONCERT: Schumann in his context

Romantic links for music-lovers

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HERE was an intriguing second instalment of Raymond Leppard's series "Schumann and Friends", given with a rejuvenated English Chamber Orchestra and with the added attraction of a star singer in Ann Murray. It was a potential house-filler, yet there were many empty seats. Perhaps the music-loving public preferred not to worry about what Meyerbeer and Schumann have in common.

Actually they have very little in common, if Meyerbeer's Overture *Struensee*, which opened the programme, was to be taken as typical of his work. True, there are echoes in this strong piece, written to introduce an eponymous play by Meyerbeer's brother, of Weber and of Berlioz; but his is an individual idiom. The ECO and Leppard gave a sturdy performance, though the stormy currents that underpin the piece should surely have been less restrained.

Perhaps the polite approach was a cautionary tactic to keep the orchestra's responses sensitised for the subtleties of Berlioz's *Les Nuits d'été*. If so, the plan worked. Ann Murray, though herself a mite plain in the opening "Villanelle" (always a tricky number to bring off, perhaps because of its essential innocence), was soon able to summon the freedom and control needed to garnish this music with the refined inflections of colour and phrasing it demands. Each successive piece was realised with a spellbinding sense of poetry and a voice of singularly beguiling beauty; and Leppard and the ECO responded accordingly. As a bonus we heard Murray again after the interval in another transfixing performance, of Mendelssohn's concert aria "Infelice", Op 94.



Ann Murray: spellbinding sense of poetry in Berlioz

Leppard's solid reading of Schumann's Second Symphony had symphonic Beethoven (and for that matter symphonic Mendelssohn) well within its sights, but he was equally in tune with this work's marvellously fresh, open-air vigour. The ECO expertly negotiated the hazards of the scampering agitations of the Scherzo, while Leppard ensured that the Adagio flowed without losing ripeness of expression, and the finale resounded its triumph with unfettered joy.

STEPHEN PETTITT

A whacking great triumph

TELEVISION REVIEW: **Lynne Truss**
eavesdrops on the chaps at the golf club bar

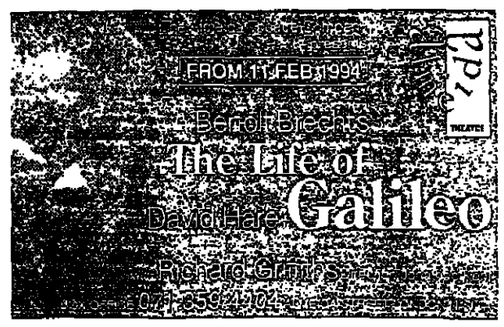
The golf club has been conspicuously popular in the media, of late. In BBC2's *Further Abroad*, Jonathan Meades drove a hurtling netted buggy across green and bunker, while examining the suburban architecture: in Michael Cockerell's *Dear Bill*, Denis Thatcher and Bill Deedes whacked the ball across emerald sward ("Oh dear"; "That, I think, was a little unfortunate"); and at New Year, on Radio 4, Maureen Lipman gave us *Birdies*, a chirrupy but heartfelt analysis of the golf club's adherence to the grand tradition of sexism. "Last bastion" is a dire phrase, but there you are. If one is searching for a sort-of last bastion, and cannot penetrate (or possibly even locate) the Garrick, then the golf club is pretty well irresistible.

Whacking the ball is healthy, of course: it also entails a gratifying sense of moral effort, which is why Stephen Leacock said it could be played on Sundays. Fresh air, exercise and good-humoured optimism are evidently the main ingredients of the golf player's experience, and last night's entertaining **Cutting Edge** (Channel 4) confidently captured a sense of all three. Focusing on the Northwood Golf Club in Middlesex, this film by Brian Hill and Kate Woods strode out in fancy trousers, took a steady position, swung back, and then *whack*, threw its weight effortlessly behind each stroke. It was delightful. There was style in it; there was even etiquette.

Etiquette was the key to the golf club, clearly. At the formal dinners, the president would "take wine" with the secretary and the treasurer, then some other cove (by order of precedence), then toast the Queen, and so on. At the Ladies' Luncheon, amazingly, the President (male) used the *pleasant occasion as an opportunity* seriously to upbraid the downtrodden disenfranchised female membership for neglecting his wife's ceremonial flowers. When new captains take office, they ritually drive a ball down the fairway, to much applause and excitement, thus inaugurating themselves with a symbolic whack.

Much of this self-importance was ridiculous but not laughed at. Where it got hilarious and scary, however, was in the board meetings. "You have adversely affected the harmony of the Green Committee meetings," a troublesome member was told, gravely. His reaction to his dressing-down ("spurious and incorrect allegations ... disruptive and injurious ... sick and tired") was a treat to behold — a man with a bendy cherub face, smiling but uncertain, unrepentant yet ultimately cowed. "If you don't stop these activities forthwith," announced the chairman, "a *resolution proposing your expulsion* from the club will be put before the board."

Several members gave their opinions on the club — a disaffected former board member, the bright current membership director, lots of overweight men in nice sweaters with quaintly neanderthal ideas about ladies' decorativeness — but the people's favourite will have been Preston Lockwood, an ancient well-spoken spindleshanks with White Knight flaxen hair who whacked with abandon, wore a natty zip-up leather jacket and was rarely lost for an entertaining turn of phrase. "I notice you never take a practice swing," said someone behind the camera. "No. Far too tiring," came the cheerful reply. "I'm a diabolical player," he continued. "I kid myself I enjoy it, but I don't really. I hate the game."



LONDON

BAD COMPANY: A northern seaside resort is the setting for Simon Bent's latest play, where a group of twentysomethings are fumbling their way towards love and loyalty.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Thursday, 7pm.

PETER PAN: In the build-up to half-term fever, Toyah Willcox and Brian Blessed star as the boy who never grew up and the wonderfully wicked Captain Hook. Next week: *Sesame Street* brought to life on stage.
Wimbledon, The Broadway, SW19 (081-540 0362). Today-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

LONDON PHILHARMONIC: Malcolm Nabarro conducts two children's concerts today, suitable for ages five to nine years old. The programme theme is the circus and includes works from Richard Bissill, Ives, Stephen Chadwick, Barnert, Stravinsky and Fucik.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Today, 11am and 1pm.

ELSEWHERE

SOUTHAMPTON: Opening night for Nicolas Kent's highly praised production of **Playboy of the West Indies**, Mustapha Matura's reworking of *Synge*.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

Cyril Nri plays the son rumoured to have topped his dad.
Nuffield, University Road, Southampton (0703 671771). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, mat Feb 26, 2.30pm. Until Feb 26.

OXFORD: A short series of musical witticisms is on offer as Ned Sherrin hosts his own tribute to two of the world's most sparkling songwriting talents, **Noel Coward** and **Cole Porter**. Only UK performances, with guest appearances by Sally Ann Howes and Peter Greenwell.
Playhouse, Beaumont Street (0865 798600). Tonight-Thurs, Sat, 7.30pm, Fri 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

EDINBURGH: **The Birth of Democracy**, an exhibition celebrating Athens 2,500 years ago, has just opened for a two-and-a-half-month show. Most of the objects on display come from the excavations of the Agora — including artifacts from the theatre, the army and navy, the aristocracy and everyday life — and contains treasures lent from the British Museum, Ashmolean Museum and the NMS collections. First organised in Athens and staged here in collaboration with the Greek Ministry of Culture.
Royal Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street (031-225 7534). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun 12noon-5pm. Until Apr 17.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life: Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) . . **British Museum**: Himalayan and Japanese Art from the Schmitt-Meade Collection; Victorian Illustrated Books (071-636 1555) . . . **Festival Hall**: Photographs of Sebastião Salgado (071-928 3002) . . **National Portrait Gallery**: Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII (071-306 0055) . . **National Gallery**: Claude, the Poetic Landscape (071-839 3321) . . **Royal Academy of Arts**: Art of the Ancient World: The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438) . . **Royal College of Art**: John Minton, to Feb 9 (071-584 5020) . . **Serpentine**: Wall to Wall (071-402 6075) . . **Tate**: Writing on the Wall: women artists (071-887 8008) . . **Victoria & Albert**: Faberge (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **THE ABSENCE OF WAR**: John Thaw stars in David Hare's study of the Labour Party. Brilliant, necessary, or unfair, depending on your point of view.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm.

■ **AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY**: Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife and Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon*.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **ANORAK OF FIRE**: Stephen Dinsdale's hilarious but also touching account of a trainspotter's obsession. James Holmes is the dedicated hero.
Arts, Great Newport St, WC2 (071-836 2132). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 6pm.

□ **APRIL IN PARIS**: Gary Olsen and Maria Friedman in John Godber's simplistic play about the benefits of travel.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm and Sun 4pm.

◪ **JANE EYRE**: Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith do their best in Fay Weldon's puzzling version of the well-known melodrama.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3pm.

□ **GORMENGHAST**: Another welcome return for the David Glass Ensemble and their strikingly staged version of the Mervyn Peake novel.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

□ **THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR**: Gogol's evergreen satire transposed to Ulster before World War One. Dan Gordon and Sylvester McCoy play the down-and-outs mistaken for officials.
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat 4pm, Sun 5pm and Mar 2, 2pm.

◪ **EDDIE IZZARD**: The man is back for another solo season of comedy and sharp good sense.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Mar 19.

□ **ME AND MAMIE O'ROURKE**: French and Saunders in wretchedly lightweight US play.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri, Sat 6pm and 8.45pm.

□ **PERE GORIOT**: A father's self-sacrificing love for his unimpressed daughters. Geoffrey Beevers adapts and directs Balzac's great novel.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Opens tonight, 7.45pm.

□ **PIAF**: Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvellous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm.

□ **RELATIVE VALUES**: Susan Hampshire, Alison Fiske and Sarah Brightman head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **SCHIPPEL, THE PLUMBER**: Revival of Jeremy Sams' joyous production of Sternheim's snobbish vocal quartet is obliged to cross class barriers to recruit a vital tenor. James Saxon leads the almost unchanged cast. Recommended.

Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat, 2pm. Until Feb 26.

□ **SEPTEMBER TIDE**: Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion returns to the West End. Susannah York plays the decent woman in love with her son-in-law.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm.

◪ **WILDEST DREAMS**: Ayckbourn's mixed hilarious despair with grim laughter as fantasy-game addicts come to grief.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . □ **Carousel**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) . . □ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) . . □ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . . ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-580 8845) . . ◪ **Hot Stuff**: Cambridge (071-494 5040) . . □ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) . . ◪ **Medea**: Wyndham's (071-867 1116) . . . ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . . □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . □ **Oleanna**: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . ◪ **She Stoops to Conquer**: Queens (071-494 5041) . . □ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . □ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) . . □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

THE BLUE KITE: Tian Zhuangzhuang's powerful study of one family's travails in post-war China.
ICA ◪ (071-930 3647)

BODIES, REST & MOTION (15): A likable cast, but a hollow film about rootless lives. Michael Steinberg directs Bridget Fonda, Tim Roth, Eric Stoltz.
MGMs Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

THE CONFORMIST (18): Bertolucci's spellbinding version of Moravia's novel about a professor sucked into 1930s Fascism, made in 1969.
Everyman ◪ (071-435 1525) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

JACK BE NIMBLE (18): An adopted child (Alexis Arquette) grows up weird and violent. Jumbled but striking first feature from New Zealand talent Garth Maxwell.
Metro (071-437 0757)

LES VISITEURS (15): Crude, raucous time-travelling comedy, a huge hit in France. Director, Jean-Marc Poiré.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Screen on the Hill** ◪ (071-435 3366) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **WAYNE'S WORLD 2** (PG): The dude duo mount a rock concert. Silly but sweet comedy sequel.
MGMs Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **Empire** ◪ (0800 888911) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

CURRENT

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE (U): Scorsese's spellbinding heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Winona Ryder

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

Odeon Leicester Square (0426 915683)

◆ **ALADDIN** (U): Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations, though Robin Williams' Genie is fun.
MGMs: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

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DECADENCE (18): Steven Berkoff's play about 1980s greed makes wearisome cinema. Berkoff directs, and co-stars with Joan Collins.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

◆ **HEAVEN AND EARTH** (15): A Vietnam peasant girl's war experiences, clumsily translated by Oliver Stone. With Hiep Thi Le and Tommy Lee Jones.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Warner** (071-439 4343)

◆ **MALICE** (15): Alec Baldwin's hot-shot doctor shatters Nicole Kidman and Bill Pullman's domestic bliss. Shallow, serpentine and stupefying thriller; director, Harold Becker.
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◆ **MANHATTAN MURDER MYSTERY** (PG): Woody Allen and Diane Keaton turn amateur sleuths. Benign, frivolous comedy with Alan Alda and Anjelica Huston.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Gate** ◪ (071-727 4043) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426-915 353) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520)

◆ **MRS DOUBTFIRE** (12): Divorced dad gets hired as the family's housekeeper. Indulgent, crude and funny vehicle for Robin Williams. With Sally Field and Pierce Brosnan. Director, Chris Columbus.
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◆ **TOMBSTONE** (15): Unremarkable return to the OK Corral, stars Kurt Russell (Wyatt Earp) and Val Kilmer (Doc Holliday). George P. Cosmatos directs, with Sam Elliott.
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◆ **UNDERCOVER BLUES** (12): Painless, dull comedy thriller with Dennis Quaid and Kathleen Turner spying with baby in tow. Director, Herbert Ross.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

THEATRE: A prize-winner in Manchester, Wittgenstein revisited and Ibsen on the fringe

Plunge down the U-bend

The Lodger
Royal Exchange, Manchester

DONALD COOPER



Tricks on the side: Julia Ford, a sassy, combative Lois in *The Lodger*

NO, this is not a new adaptation of what was once a famous novel — and eventually a play, film and opera — by Mrs Belloc-Lowndes. It would have sent her tottering from the theatre in matronly dismay, incredulous at a future where four-letter events could be seen by a nice northern public. Her *Lodger* did, it's true, involve Jack the Ripper; but mainly in his off-street mode. Simon Burke's play brings a tart and, later, her pimp beneath the roof of a policeman with a history of domestic violence, and leaves little to the imagination.

Burke, author of the television series *Chancer* and now winner of the Mobil Playwriting Competition, is quite candid about his aims. In the programme he admits to having written a nasty, brutish piece, adding that he "cannot see the purpose of theatre unless it is to plunge down the U-bend where television and film cannot go without losing their shirts". This sounds a tricky feat, and in the event proves to be exactly that. To adopt Burke's analogy, his play does not end up shirtless, but in the journey between loo seat and sewer its clothing does get a bit dishevelled.

The Lodger is never less than gripping, though, and, especially in the first half, it is also interestingly odd. Burke, who seems determined to fill the programme with weird metaphors, calls it "a protracted howl of rage in a loose elastic structure", leaving us to wonder if its form is to be that of a pair of baggy knickers or maybe a failed catapult. But that worry does not last long. Julian McGowan fills the stage with bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and living-room, while leaving space for a bar or hospital bed to be shunted in: and, thanks partly to the white, red or blue strips of light he also provides, Richard Wilson's direction generates a sense of sinister goings-on in mundane places.

Everybody is fibbing or withholding information, for purposes still unclear. Philip Jackson's morose DC Wise passes himself off as a security guard or someone "employed by the Home Office", calls himself a widower when he isn't yet divorced, and disguises the fact he is computer dating when we've seen him botch an encounter with a scared teacher. Julia Ford's sassy, combative Lois may be a redundant market researcher who does tricks on the side or a full-time pro, and may or may not be escaping an abusive husband. With Robert Calvert's sullen barman and Matthew Marsh's cynical police sergeant adding to the atmosphere, all is insecurity, menace and Pinterish mystery.

But clarification brings with it a certain banality and implausibility. Lois's pimp (Mark Womack) arrives disguised as a commercial traveller in search of lodgings and proceeds to put her on the game under the nose of the strangely named Wise, who has fallen in love with her and has started inviting her to car-boot sales as a prelude to marriage. We know our policemen are fallible and their clear-up rate appalling. But can we really buy such naivety from an emotionally bruised detective who himself says that cops trust nobody, not even themselves?

Meanwhile, the feeling grows ("he's not that bad," says Lois of her knife-wielding pimp, "he doesn't close hospitals") that Burke wants us to sympathise with these people as helpless victims of an evil society. That seems difficult. But there are dramatic strengths too: sombre comedy, deft dialogue, and a nice twist and counter-twist at the end. Burke and his shirt will surely engineer the U-bend more consistently next time.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

A clear case for remaining silent

Wittgenstein's Daughter
White Bear, SE11

LUDWIG Wittgenstein wrote his philosophy in numbered sentences, perhaps to help students pick their way through the dense thickets of his thought. Numbered lines of dialogue might have helped me follow the arguments within Dic Edwards's baffling play, yet still left me ignorant of what it was doing on the stage.

First things first. The real-life Wittgenstein neither married nor fathered a child, of either sex. His relatively low-key homosexuality has been known for years, though it surprises and shocks Alma, the neurotic "daughter" of Edwards's play, who slams W.W. Bartley's 20-year-old biography down on the table and jabbers about innuendo.

Why she thinks she is Wittgenstein's daughter is anyone's guess. She is married to a French fascist who speaks in clichés, and whose clichés she condemns using more clichés, so possibly it is to clear her mind of such rubbishy thought that she makes the journey to Cambridge.

Here she meets a former prize-fighter, now 100 years old, but once Wittgenstein's bit of rough, and honestly it is hard to say what happens next. James Snell can bring no life to the character of the fascist but he doubles as Wittgenstein's ghost, who now appears, and performs pretty well, all things considered: impatient and quick to take offence.

He and the prize-fighter concoct or recall a plan to preserve the great man's good name. He will father a child. Or rather, the prize-fighter will father the child and pretend it is Wittgenstein's. Because if ever it comes to be thought that the closing proposition of his *Tractatus* (Whereof one cannot speak one must remain silent) relates to his inability to talk about his sexual pleasures, bang goes Wittgensteinian philosophy. According to Edwards: For if a *man* has lived illegally, he must have thought dishonestly.

And that's about it, I think. Roger Monk makes the prize-fighter really quite credible, as these things go, looking like a freshly scrubbed pink gargoyle, and severely distorting his speech and movements. Poor Robyn Moore has to speak such stuff as "I only came to find acquittal from worthlessness." Small wonder, then, that her character is dead from the shoes up.

Talking of death, the prize-fighter digs up Wittgenstein's skeleton and dies on top of it. Alma gives birth astride the bones, having previously hit Wittgenstein's grave with Wittgenstein's humerus. You know, the upper forearm.

Perhaps this was a joke, or a bit of fun with language, something of which the play is seriously short. Edwards over-estimates audience tolerance for prolix speeches proclaiming discontent. As does his director, Roland Rees. Whereof a playwright has nothing riveting to say he could remain silent.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Full marks for trying

A Doll's House
New End, NW3

A TINY venue taking on a Norwegian theatrical giant: it's not necessarily a sensible idea. Then again, Ibsen himself teaches you to take little things seriously. *A Doll's House* is a domestic tragedy. What Nora Helmer sees as a peccadillo done out of wifely love snowballs, and almost destroys her husband Torvald's career. In turn, she grows out of a marriage where she has been treated as a pretty toy and cosseted as if still small.

The company are not exactly Lilliputians to this dramatic Gulliver. They have not got Ibsen's classic tied up absolutely securely for starters. There are some shaky patches in slow motion. During the meetings in Torvald's study, usually off-stage but now in a corner and a stylistic quandary, the gentlemen cannot decide whether to be silently animated or freeze. Consequently, they appear to be literally boring each other stiff.

On the other hand, director Sue Lefton and her lead actors are fairly big names themselves. Lefton has worked with the RSC for many years. The production looks strikingly professional with its swathes of dark velvet surrounding a sunny world of fine period costumes.

Rachel Joyce gives a truly driven performance, even if her Nora is made too profound and sympathetic too soon. Though Joyce has a Felicity Kendal-ish smothered giggle in her throat, you are never quite fooled by this intelligent-faced woman acting the frivolous wife. The production misses some of the satirical comedy at the start, when Nora appears as an insouciant pampered egocentric.

On the night I saw the show, an audience of schoolchildren was not making matters easy. Simon Chandler (Reverend Farebrother in the BBC's *Middlemarch*) was struggling to be uxoriously playful: Torvald's stern testy side came to the fore rather rapidly.

Lefton is known primarily as a movement director, so it is curious that the production's physicality is not its strength. Certainly, people may have acted more melodramatically in the 19th century, and the Helmers, facing blackmail and death, are hardly having an uneventful Christmas. Still, would they have hit the deck with quite the regularity we see here? Pine floorboards have their attractions, of course, but this is unnatural.

The New End's power is intimacy, and *A Doll's House* demands scrupulously small-scale acting. Lefton has not yet coaxed the performers into a crystal-clear understanding of psychological shifts. Overall, though, this is encouraging fringe theatre.

KATE BASSETT

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Derek Jarman's lyrical legacy on grainy Super-8



Derek Jarman: "I like the fact that everyone smiles" he said when *Glitterbug* was completed

David Robinson pays tribute to *Glitterbug*, the last, joyous, nostalgic work from the artist and film-maker

Derek Jarman's *Blue* is a testament as fine as any artist could hope to leave. Even so, this was not to be his last word. A new Derek Jarman film, *Glitterbug*, was previewed in a private screening at the Rotterdam Film Festival last week, as the director himself lay in hospital.

The film is a lyrical compilation of fragments from the hundreds of Super-8 films Jarman shot between 1971 and 1986 as a kind of visual diary. When the project was commissioned by BBC's *Arena*, Jarman was already so weak from the effects of Aids-related diseases, with his sight practically gone, that it appeared that the work would be entirely completed by his assistant, David Lewis, and his editor, Andy Crabb.

For the past five years, however, Jarman's phenomenal creativity somehow defied physical debility, and the will persisted. The state-of-the-art video editing facilities used for the film, giving instant touch-button control of the image, proved irresistible to his film-maker's instinct, and he was fascinated too by the retrieval of these 20-year-old memories. *Glitterbug* is in every sense a Derek Jarman film.

Having begun his career as a painter and designer, Jarman only turned to film when he worked with Ken Russell on *The Devils* in 1970-71. He was charmed by the turbulent Russell, and even more by the medium. He bought his first Super-8 camera, and from that time obsessively filmed everything around him, from his morning shave and his breakfast table to sculptures or landscapes that took his fancy, a procession of nuns in a Roman piazza or Italian punks outside a church.

These are more, though, than ordinary home movies. As both painter and film-maker, Jarman seemed incapable of creating an image that was not instantly arresting for its composition and content. The graininess of Super-8 is made a virtue, and every trick effect is joyfully exploited.

The nostalgia that inevitably haunts this very personal recollection of a past era of London's Bohemia is reinforced by the title which introduces the final sequence: "One last walk, one last look. Bankside 1971". There are scenes of home life, parties and other frolics in Jarman's famous Bankside studio (eventually dramatically destroyed by fire along with all his paintings); the filming of *Sebastiane*, all nudity under the Mediterranean sun, and *Jubilee*; forgotten punk celebrities of the Seventies; backstage and the catwalks of the Alternative Miss World Contest: vanished favourite teashops: Jarman's friends — street youths and poets, William Burroughs, Tilda Swinton, Michael Clarke.

There is no speech or commentary beyond the musical score by Brian Eno, just a general, vivid evocation of fun and pleasure and friendship: "I like the fact that everyone smiles," said Jarman when the film was completed. The film recalls a generation many of whom have vanished along with the era, "faded", as Jarman says memorably in *Blue*, "like flowers cut by the scythe of the Blue-Bearded Reaper, parched as the waters of life receded".

● *Derek Jarman's richly atmospheric codicil to* Blue *will be screened by Arena in the spring, and released on video — accompanied by a glossy booklet of Jarman's literary recollections of the period — by Dangerous to Know on April 11.*

'The spine of the story is true and responsible'

Jim Sheridan has run into a storm of accusation over his 'Guildford Four' film. **Alison Roberts** hears his defence

When Ireland last met England on a football pitch the two teams drew. "There's a great saying in Ireland, and not without irony," Jim Sheridan says. "It says that the last time we played England we beat them one-all."

In the Name of the Father, Sheridan's "Guildford Four film", which opens in Britain this Friday, was made, its director says, as an "answer to power". "We so rarely win that anything which gives us a vague reply is seized upon."

Sheridan is dressed in emerald-green trousers, and he says "fillum" with an emerald-green lilt despite the years spent in America running a theatre company before he broke into the movie world. *My Left Foot* (which, like *In the Name*, starred Daniel Day-Lewis) was his directorial debut: it was nominated for five Oscars and won two.

The response to *In the Name* has been shockingly different. In America, where it opened last month, the talk is still of Oscars. But in Britain and in some Irish quarters, Sheridan's film has been denounced for maligning British justice, romanticising terrorists, boosting support for the IRA, and manipulating through factual inaccuracy. Indeed Sheridan's film has been accused of telling lies, of being "in parts a farrago of rubbish". Sheridan thinks the reaction is wholly political and partly conspiratorial. "I can understand it. It's trying to discredit the film because they are afraid of what the film will reveal," he says.

Most detractors have taken Gerard Conlon, one of the Four wrongly imprisoned for the 1974 bombing, as the centre of the story. In fact it is his father, Giuseppe, who died in prison, who fills the heart of the movie.

Sheridan stresses this and uses it as a defence. The critics have got his agenda fundamentally wrong, he says. For a start the Guildford Four are not in prison any more. There was no need to make a documentary in an attempt to get them released. "Once you turn on a film camera, you are in a different world. Daniel isn't Gerry Conlon, and the bomb didn't happen in slow motion. No one has to engage with the fact of it any more because the case is never going to be in court again. It's like when Hamlet says: 'The play's the thing wherein to catch the conscience of the King'.

> ❛ Daniel Day-Lewis isn't Gerry, and the bomb didn't happen in slow motion ❜

"Hamlet's father's ghost is hanging around saying 'revenge me'. Now I don't know if Giuseppe Conlon is hanging around saying the same thing. What he did say was 'clear my name'. That is the thing I was trying to do.."

In that sense, then, the film is one man's *story*, only based on fact. "The left-wing has an agenda which is to get the police and nail them. That's not my agenda. I wanted to lift the story out of England/Ireland relations, and the knee-jerk reaction that goes with that, on to an international level."

But Sheridan *does* want his film to provoke, to reclaim Giuseppe's name and to "answer" power. This is where the facts become important. Sheridan makes it clear that the power at issue belongs both to the police and the IRA. He is answering for the people caught in the middle. "Most of the time, no light gets into Northern Ireland and the people think that their lives are never endorsed."

Sheridan wants to rekindle some of the outrage felt five years ago when the *Guildford Four* were released. But he's not out to "get" the Establishment. "I want people to say 'My God, did *this story actually* happen?' It's not a justice story, it's a human rights story."

But will audiences react like that if he gets the facts wrong? Aren't they let off the hook if the film can be dismissed as fiction? "The spine of the story is true and responsible. We actually went easy on the police and the judiciary. I honestly feel that."

There were frantic scenes in the upper committee corridor of the House of Commons last week. A special screening of the film was arranged for MPs and Gerry Conlon attended to discuss it afterwards. Conlon was patronised by several MPs — one stood up to praise him for his "unexpected" eloquence. Then a row broke out and Sheridan had to step in. Chris Mullin, one of the MPs much involved in the Guildford Four case but not shown in the film, calmed things down.

Again much was made of the factual inaccuracies. "I wouldn't have let this film be made if it had stigmatised English people," said Conlon. But several politicians, echoing newspaper critics, said that they were particularly worried about reaction in America. They claimed that thousands of Americans, who have probably never heard of the Guildford Four, will see the film, not understand the real-life circumstances of Anglo-Irish relations, and side with the "underdogs" — creating a dangerous new sympathy for the IRA.

Sheridan did, in fact, have dealings with Noraid activists in America. When he ran the Irish Arts Centre in New York they wanted to put up a poster in its theatre. After several refusals, Sheridan let them stick up the "No Rubber Bullets" poster. He says that he argued against the slogan "because the IRA uses real bullets". Noraid apparently argued freedom of speech; Sheridan doesn't think that their publicity works anyway.

However, he admits: "Every single thing to do with Northern Ireland and England has a political reaction — it's been like that for a long time, sadly." His theatre was used as a vehicle for politics; he should not be surprised that his film has been used in a similar way. Indeed it is clear that his intentions were partly political. He may regret it in both instances, but he cannot deny that, ultimately, his art invites it.

JAMES MORGAN



The film's director, Jim Sheridan, thinks the reaction is wholly political and partly conspiratorial

ARTS BRIEFING

Steaming Finns

SO YOU thought the Finnish Institute only organised seminars on sustainable forestry or discussions on "Finnish Overseas Aid: What Now"? You were wrong. From February 24, the institute raises its temperature with a photography show and a brief film series devoted to "The Years of Innocence: Eroticism in Finnish Films".

The steamy selection, showing at the Renoir Cinema in London, includes *The White Reindeer* of 1952 (an outbreak of witchcraft in the Lapland snow), *Skin Skin*, a bucolic Sixties piece, and the British premiere of *Leningrad Cowboys Meet Moses*, the latest diversion from Finland's most exportable director, Aki Kaurismäki. Details of the whole season from the Finnish Institute, 35-6 Eagle Street, London WC1 (071-404 3309).

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THE Brazilian photographer Sebastiao Salgado is famous for a series of astounding and poignant images of workers in South African gold mines. But as his show "Workers: An Anthology of the Industrial Age" at the Festival Hall (071-928 3002) demonstrates, his interest in workers, their splendours and miseries, is worldwide. It has ranged from, for instance, Mediterranean fishermen to the employees of Shanghai bicycle factories.

Sometimes seeing, sometimes triumphant, the show is never less than compelling. It runs until Sunday.

DANCE: **Nadine Meisner** on wheelchair flight and, below, Portuguese pungency

Can dance, will dance

CandoCo
Queen Elizabeth Hall

CandoCo is not your average dance company, but mixes able-bodied professionals with wheelchair-users who have the words Can Do tattooed on their brain cells. CandoCo have come a long way since their last appearance at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. Seeking a more challenging repertoire, they have commissioned pieces from three choreographers. The result was gripping and humbling.

Inevitably, not every part of the programme succeeded entirely. Where Emilyn Claid in her rousing finale piece manages to use her cast as equal individuals, Siobhan Davies in *Between the National and the Bristol* seems stymied by the wheelchairs. Like Claid, she begins with a beautiful group pose that exploits the different heights and contours of standing and seated silhouettes. But her refined and dancey choreography, set to Gavin Bryars's richly textured score of the same name, mostly relegates the wheelchair performers to the role of onlookers.

With *Back to Front with Sideshows* Claid has stomped in and rudely and loudly knocked over existing categories and received ideas. In their place she introduces the notions of character, aggression, speed and humour. Physical status miraculously ceases to be an issue. The performers are no longer divided according to their ability to walk or not; instead, for once, they find themselves defined and separated by their gender. The able-bodied Kuldip Singh-Barmi intermittently inhabits a wheelchair; he is the disruptor of the cast, a twitchy feather-fetishist who annoys and tickles the others and breaks up their carefully assembled tableaux.

Singh-Barmi and the tremendous David Toole have a wonderful stage rapport which Jodi Falk brings to the fore in *To Please The Desert*. Where Claid offers exhilarating, punchy dynamics, Falk creates intense, still beauty in a duet which some enterprising film-maker should put on celluloid. The smallest, slowest gesture becomes high drama, set to the dark colours of traditional Spanish music; the dancers etch luminous outlines against Micky Mannion's atmospheric lighting. They dance in unison, brothers in a strange, optical game of sighs and scale: Singh-Barmi, tall and athletic; Toole, a third his size but no less athletic, using his arms and hands as the legs and feet he does not have.

Christy Don't Leave So Soon by Lea Parkinson and the company's directors, Adam Benjamin and Celeste Dandeker, does not achieve the same potency. But gentle and brief, the piece acts as a clever opener, easing us into the way CandoCo looks and works. And when Dandeker is lifted from her chair to become almost like her partners, that says a great deal about the liberating magic of dance.

Red for danger

Portugal Contemporâneo
Tron Theatre, Glasgow

Portugal now boasts an energetic contemporary dance culture and Glasgow's Tron Theatre set out to give us a taste of it. It staged Portugal Contemporâneo, a week-long mini-season within the city's larger *New Moves* dance festival in which eight choreographers came over to show not only the distinctive tone of Portuguese dance, but also its diversity.

With just one of the programmes under my belt, I shall take the diversity on trust. I can, however, attest to the pungent flavour of their dance theatre. Clara Andermatt's two women in *O Cansaço Dos Santos* (The Tiredness of Saints) are sacrilegious, poised on the border between tragedy and comedy. Omélia Bentes and Monica Lapa sprawl orgiastically like upside-down crucifixes alongside the drink-littered table of the Last Supper: they are convulsed with tears of sorrow or bouts of drunken nausea; they are clown-esque opponents, locked in wrestling holds; they are penitents, dragging themselves on their knees. Their jerky graphic shapes are like a crudely-made cartoon film.

In *Auto Retrato* (Self Portrait) Miguel Pereira uncovers a sensual, feminine strand. At first, he stands rooted to the spot, arms flailing out to the side like a scarecrow, with only the fragile sound of a music box as company. Red gloves cover his hands which, when he removes his grey jacket, are revealed as a lavish women's pair extending to his armpits. He caresses his bare torso, he wears a red rose between his teeth.

Soon he is not even wearing the rose. Pereira is a courageous performer who strips away his public clothing and lays himself bare. It is odd but touching how unerotically vulnerable a naked man can look. He performs recklessly abandoned leaps and swerves that contrast sharply with the restricted movement of before.

Is this the inner self revelling in its freedom, or giving vent to profound despair? Either way, I admired how Pereira, like Andermatt, treats dance as a magnifying glass for the soul. Dance becomes a medium which cuts performers away from the safety harness of reticence and takes them to the brink.

Equally concerned with the human core, Vera Mantero Co.'s collectively-created *Sob* lacked the previous pieces' sharp succinctness. It more than over-stayed its welcome, disintegrating into muddle. With her emphasis on props and movement theatre, Mantero was visibly influenced by Pina Bausch; but where Bausch vividly communicates her cast's humanity, Mantero parades a gallery of grotesques. She may have been drawing the familiar connection between madness and the stresses of life. By the end, though, I still wasn't sure and, I'm afraid, I didn't care.

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Disillusioned Latorre regains Midas touch



ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

The World Cup could yet share the delights of fitful Diego from Buenos Aires. No, not *that* Diego. Mr Maradona, last seen taking pot shots at journalists with an air rifle, has been dismissed by Newell's Old Boys and among those helping police enquiries is a psychiatrist, who implores Maradona to seek help "before it is too late".

The other Diego — Diego Latorre — comes from the other side of the tracks, the well-to-do European side of Buenos Aires. And he may just have found the Midas touch he mislaid two summers ago. Tenerife, his Spanish club, the curse of Real Madrid in the last two championships, have knocked Real out of the cup after two exceptional goals from Latorre. On Sunday, he hit another winner, this time against Logroñés.

Three goals does not make a career, nor even a comeback. Latorre, 24, was so blessed with balance, movement and quickness of eye that he had scoring bouts like this once a month in his youth. But his return will register in high places in Argentina. Highly strung and highly bred, his talent had lapsed since the summer of 1991, when he inherited the No 10 shirt of you-know-who at Boca Juniors and in the national side. The media dubbed Latorre "The Good Diego" but, recently, wrote mainly of his alleged affair with the daughter of President Carlos Menem.

The head of state has kept footballers at distance since his "sporting ambassador to the world" award to Maradona turned to embarrassment. Menem has even refrained from telling Alfio Basile, the team manager, who to pick. Basile ought to be grateful because in addition to the drug scandals surrounding Maradona, Claudio Caniggia is serving a ban, which does not end until May, for a similar offence.

Gabriel Batistuta is spending this season with Fiorentina down in the Italian second division while, countering the good news on Latorre, is the bad news for Tenerife concerning another Argentinian, Fernando Redondo, who allegedly settled a training field tiff with a colleague by putting a second player in hospital with a left, left, right combination. Tenerife suspended Redondo but reports that Argentina will banish him for life seem, on past macho criterion, wide of the mark.

It is, after all, the sensitivity in Latorre that many Argentinians doubt. He is slender, 5ft 8in, and has his mother's fine Italian bones, her academic mind and her sporting genes. Mirda Latorre, a teacher of English, thought her son would follow in her tennis footsteps when, at 15, Diego practised with Gabriella Sabatini at Mar Del Plata, where the Latorre family had a country holiday home.

Very different, as you can see, the upbringing of Maradona and Latorre. Yet once the second Diego opted out of his economics course at Belgrano private university, they were subjected to the same vagaries of the sporting life.

When, in the summer of 1991, Latorre was injured, with a broken tooth and an ankle swollen with a blood clot the size of a golf ball, Fiorentina suddenly switched its attention from him to Batistuta, his Boca Juniors striking partner.

The transfers were embroiled with agents' input and, though the Italian club paid Latorre $400,000 (about £270,000) while returning him on loan to Boca, the disillusionment understandably set deep into the player.

"The boy has education. The suffering is less if you have education," Pablo Abbatangelo, the Argentine FA secretary, said. Abbatangelo, who profited from the transfers as a director of Boca, dismissed out of hand the thought that education might actually stimulate doubts in a player's mind, might exacerbate the humiliation.

The Latorre family is untypical of Argentine footballing roots. The mother and father of Diego Latorre had planned that summer to give up everything to travel with him to Florence and spend four months ensuring their son settled comfortably and properly into a new culture. Diego had suggested: "Football is very important for the social movement in Argentina. It is opening up the boundaries; the game is in the hopes of all classes."

Can you just hear the other Diego making such a statement?

Martin will get run for money



First and last training on the streets of London yesterday as Martin is joined by Tina Dorrell, the final runner home in 1993. Photograph: John Manning

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

EAMONN Martin will defend his NutraSweet London Marathon title on April 17 in an attempt to become the first athlete to win the men's race twice, it was announced yesterday. But, though London loves a British winner, Martin will receive no assistance from David Bedford, the elite field director.

Bedford has assembled tough opposition for Martin, though identities remain secret. "We do not want a British winner at any cost," Bedford said. "London is *the* No 1 British athletic event; it demands that we get the best athletes. If that makes it harder for there to be a British winner, that is the way it has to be. We have a great field to run against Eamonn."

Bedford, who has the muscle of a £1 million budget, knows the risk he is taking in the name of purity. Television audience figures impress sponsors and, until Martin's 1993 victory, London's Sunday morning live BBC audience had fallen in three successive years to 4.8 million in 1992. "Last year's transmission averaged 5.6 million, and the last hour was about 8.3 million," Bedford said. "It peaked towards the end because of the substantial British interest."

Bedford would not disclose Martin's appearance fee but described him as "the most expensive athlete in the men's field". During negotiations, Mel Batty, Martin's manager, would have borne in mind his comment after last year's win that his athlete's worth in 1994 should at least equal the value placed on Liz McColgan.

McColgan was in the first year of a $500,000 (about £330,000) agreement to run three London Marathons. Martin has a two-year deal and, judging by Batty's remark that "David was in a difficult position because of the deals he had done before", he and Martin have probably softened slightly. A two-year deal of $250,000 seems about right.

Lee presents united front for Manchester City's revival

BY PETER BALL

FRANCIS Lee's revolution at Manchester City is going to be a bloodless one — at least for the time being. Instead of blood on the carpet, there were smiles all round and promises of solidarity at Maine Road after the first board meeting of the new regime yesterday morning.

It had been expected that the supporters of Peter Swales, the former chairman, would follow him into the darkness. Instead, Lee proved more interested in bringing in new faces than dispatching existing ones, and the board has been enlarged to 11 to accommodate Lee, John Dunkerley, a Manchester businessman, and Colin Barlow, the new general manager of the club. There will also be a representative of the supporters at board meetings but he will not be allowed to vote.

"There was a magnificent amount of unity," Lee said afterwards. "Everyone backed us to a man. They all individually assured us of their 100 per cent commitment. In the light of that, I thought it was not necessary to make any changes."

The survivors will continue to enjoy their seats in the directors' box and other privileges, but may find that important decisions have been taken out of their control.

"The plan is to have an executive board containing three or four captains of industry to make the financial decisions," Lee said. He, Colin Barlow and Andrew Thomas, the representative of Greenall Whitley, the club's major shareholder, will make up that board, along with possibly two further members, who are being interviewed this week.

There will be one other familiar face around. Lee confirming yesterday that there will be a role for Mike Summerbee, probably in public relations, if only part-time. With Colin Bell already at the club coaching young players, the famous trio is reassembling.

Finance was the main topic yesterday, with the new board concerned to move on from the view expressed at the general meeting last year of City being run like the corner shop compared to the supermarket across town at Old Trafford.

"Saturday's crowd showed how much support there is," Lee said. "It's one of the best-supported clubs in the country, but the turnover is so low and we have got to get more money coming in so that we can plough it back and build a bigger and better club."

As a first step, the directors are eager to halt the piecemeal redevelopment of Maine Road and will try to defer the £4 million redevelopment of the



Lee: wants solidarity

Kippax Stand for a year. If that is refused, they will seek new tenders for an improved plan to include corporate entertainment facilities and space for families to eat before a match.

"If people are spending £30-£40 taking a family to a football match, it's better that they can come at 11am and leave at 6pm than come at 2.45 and leave at 5.15," Lee said. "We want to make it the value-for-money football club."

To do that, of course, they may need to play better football, but until the financial reconstruction is in place, Brian Horton will have to soldier on with the players he has. "There will be no new players before Saturday's game with West Ham," Lee said, "but the players were magnificent on Saturday and I'm sure we will win again this week."

☐ Scottish Football Association and Scottish League officials are to discuss a mid-winter break next season, probably from December 3 to 24, to improve the national team's prospects of qualifying for the European championship finals. Scotland play Greece in a qualifier on December 18.

☐ Heart of Midlothian, the Scottish club, yesterday suspended Justin Fashanu, 33, although the club's manager, Sandy Clark, denied the move had anything to do with allegations the player made in a newspaper involving his personal life. Clark insisted that the decision to suspend Fashanu was taken because he had missed training.

Foulds stops Parrott's progress

NEAL Foulds, successful in only two snooker matches this season, overcame an anxiety that had been steadily building for a couple of months to beat John Parrott, the world No 2, 5-3 in the second round of the £415,000 Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

Foulds, who has plummeted to 33rd in the provisional world rankings, compiled a highest break of only 50 but, crucially, he snatched the third frame on the black with a 41 clearance and the fifth on the pink, thanks to a late run of 40.

"It's been so long since I played a match and that gives you much too much time to think and dwell on things. That's why I was so nervous," Foulds said.

Foulds had not been engaged in competition since the European Open in mid-December, an event where Parrott heard the news that Potters Snooker Club in Liverpool, his practice base, had burnt down.

"That's been another blow to my routine," Parrott said. He is also coming to grips with the demands of fatherhood for the first time.

After predicting that he would defeat Stephen Hendry in the 1992 Dubai Classic and losing 5-2, Peter Ebdon became more measured in his pre-match comments. That is, until yesterday.

Ebdon, who proved that he is a genuine force in leading events by capturing the grand prix title last October, displayed his old ebullience after including breaks of 84, 112 and 65 during a 5-1 first-round victory over David Roe, of Derby. Ebdon, who faces Steve Davis for a place in the quarter-finals tonight, said: "I've got no dangers here. It's just a matter of me respecting everyone and fearing no one. I reckon that I can go all the way."

Ebdon, who beat Davis 10-4 in his first season as a professional to reach the last 16 of the 1992 world championship, added: "This place gives me the same buzz as the Crucible."

Buzz or not, Ebdon has a formidable task against Davis, who is on a high following his Welsh Open triumph on Saturday. Since their Crucible meeting two years ago, Davis has won all four of their encounters.

RESULTS: First round: P Ebdon (Eng) bt D Roe (Eng) 5-1. Second round: J Wattana (Thai) bt M Clark (Eng) 5-4; N Foulds (Eng) bt J Parrott (Eng) 5-3.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

HONOLULU: Pro Bowl: National Conference 17 American Conference 3.

ATHLETICS

FAIRFAX, Virginia: Mobil invitation meeting: Men: 60m: M Green (Jam) 6.59sec. 400m: M Johnson (US) 45.81. Mile: 1, D Strang (GB) 3mn 57.39sec; 2, M Kipiano (Ken) 3 57 71. Veterans mile: E Coghlan (Ire), 4:03.28. 3,000m: A Keith (US) 7:49.83. 60m hurdles: A Johnson (US) 7.64sec. Women: 60m: J Cuthbert (Jam) 7.14. 200m: C Guidry (US) 23.56. 400m: M Malone (US) 52.56. 800m: M Mutola (Moz) 2mn 0.14sec. Mile: H Boumerka (Alg) 4:28.64. 60m hurdles: G Davers (US) 7.86sec.

STUTTGART: Indoor meeting: Men: 200m: 1, R Kumeki (Ger) 20.81sec; 2, J Regis (GB) 20.87. 1,500m: 1, J Herold (Ger) 3 41.46; 2, J Mayock (GB) 3 41.47. 60m hurdles: 1, C Jackson (GB) 7.42sec; 2, M Fenner (Ger) 7.61. Triple jump: 1, R Jaros (Ger) 16.89m; 2, J Edwards (GB) 16.83.

BADMINTON

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Hampshire 8 Essex 7; Lancashire 4 Yorkshire 11. Worcestershire 4 Yorkshire 11. Surrey 11 Essex 4; Sussex 9 Hertfordshire 6. Surrey 12 Hertfordshire 3. Second division: Middlesex 7 Wiltshire 8; Cheshire 8 Nottinghamshire 7; Lancashire 2 Warwickshire 13; Buckinghamshire 9 Middlesex 6. Kent 5 Devon 10.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday February 12 unless stated

COCA-COLA CUP SEMI-FINAL, FIRST LEG

Not on coupons: Manchester United v Sheffield Wednesday (Sunday)

FA PREMIERSHIP

2 Oldham v Chelsea
1 Sheff Utd v Coventry

Not on coupons: Aston Villa v Swindon; Everton v Ipswich, Manchester City v West Ham; Norwich v Arsenal (Sunday); Southampton v Liverpool (Monday); Tottenham v Blackburn; Wimbledon v Newcastle

FIRST DIVISION

2 Barnsley v Stoke
X Derby v Bolton
2 Grimsby v C Palace
X Leicester v Luton
1 Millwall v Birmingham
2 Oxford v Charlton
1 Sunderland v Bristol C
X Watford v West Brom
1 Wolves v Southend

Not on coupons: Notts County v Nottingham Forest; Peterborough v Middlesbrough, Tranmere v Portsmouth (Friday)

SECOND DIVISION

2 Barnet v Plymouth
1 Brighton v Hull
1 Bristol R v Brentford
1 Burnley v Cardiff
2 Exeter v Rotherham
X Fulham v Blackpool
2 Hartlepool v Reading
1 Leyton O v Bradford
1 Port Vale v Stockport
1 Swansea v Bourn'm'th
2 Wrexham v Hudd'field
1 York v Cambridge

THIRD DIVISION

X Bury v Carlisle
2 Colchester v Chest'field
1 Crewe v Scunthorpe
X Darlington v Hereford
1 Lincoln v Wigan
2 Mansfield v Wycombe
2 North'pton v Scarboro
1 Preston v Gillingham
1 Shrewsbury v Rochdale
1 Torquay v Doncaster
X Walsall v Chester

NORTHERN PREM LGE PREMIER DIVISION

X Accrington v Buxton
Crewe, Lincoln, Torquay, Basingstoke, Carshalton, Kilmarnock, Dunfermline, Cowdenbeath

DIADORA LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Aylesbury v Hayes
1 Basingstoke v Wivenhoe
1 Carshalton v Wokingham
X Yeading v Hendon

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Aberdeen v Rath
X Dundee Utd v Motherwell
2 Hearts v Celtic
1 Kilmarnock v Partick
1 Rangers v Hibernian
X St Johnstone v Dundee

SCOTTISH FIRST

1 Avrdrie v Ayr
2 Brechin v Falkirk
X Clyde v Stirling
1 Clydebank v St Mirren
1 Dunf'mline v Dumbarton
2 Morton v Hamilton

SCOTTISH SECOND

2 Albion v Berwick
1 Alloa v Stenh'muir
X Arbroath v Stranraer
1 Cow'nb'th v Queen's Pk
1 Meadowb'k v Forfar
1 Montrose v E Stirling
1 Queen of Sth v East Fife

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Derby, Leicester, Watford, Fulham, Bury, Darlington, Walsall, Accrington, Yeading, Dundee United, St Johnstone, Arbroath.
BEST DRAWS: Derby, Watford, Bury, Walsall, Accrington.
AWAYS: Stoke, Charlton, Reading, Huddersfield, Chesterfield.
HOMES: Wolves, Brighton, Swansea, York, Crewe, Lincoln, Torquay, Basingstoke, Carshalton, Kilmarnock, Dunfermline, Cowdenbeath
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Wolves, Brighton, Crewe, Torquay, Cowdenbeath. Aways: Stoke, Charlton, Huddersfield. Draws: Watford, Bury, Walsall.

☐ Vince Wright

BASKETBALL

NBA EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	33	12	733	—
Orlando	26	20	.565	7½
Miami	22	22	.500	10½
New Jersey	21	23	.477	11½
Boston	20	26	.435	13½
Philadelphia	19	26	.422	14
Washington	15	30	.333	18

Central division

Atlanta	32	12	.727	—
Chicago	32	13	.711	½
Cleveland	23	22	.511	9½
Charlotte	22	23	.489	10½
Indiana	21	23	.477	11
Milwaukee	13	33	.283	20
Detroit	10	35	.22222	22½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division

Houston	33	11	750	—
San Antonio	33	14	.702	1½
Utah	30	17	.638	4½
Denver	22	23	.489	11½
Minnesota	14	30	.318	19
Dallas	4	42	.087	30

Pacific division

Seattle	34	10	.773	—
Phoenix	30	14	.682	4
Portland	26	19	.578	8½
Golden State	25	19	.568	9
LA Clippers	16	27	.372	17½
LA Lakers	16	28	.364	18
Sacramento	13	31	.295	21

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York 95 Orlando 77, Golden State 106 Washington 84; Phoenix 89 Chicago 88. Houston 101 Minnesota 90; San Antonio 104 New Jersey 102; Denver 99 Dallas 89. Los Angeles Lakers 107 Utah 90.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Manchester 90 Worthing 93; Chester 103 Oldham 70; London Towers 84 Leicester 93.

MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Semi-finals: Sheffield 88 Bury 79.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Barking and Dagenham 78 Brixton 58. Second division: Cardiff 54 Leicester 51. Luton 60 Manchester 52.

CRICKET

RED STRIPE CUP: Port of Spain: Trinidad and Tobago 435 (B Lara 206, K Mason 63, P Simmons 62; A Cummins 4-92); Barbados 187-9 (R Dhanraj 7-47). Kingston: Windward Islands 122 (C Walsh 5-21); Jamaica 417 (N Perry 160; C Cuffy 6-81).

TOUR MATCH: Napier: New Zealand XI 93 and 250-4 (S Fleming 109 not out, S Thomson 77); Pakistanis 425-8 dec. Match drawn.

FENCING

COMO, Italy: Under-20 World Cup event: 1, L Teddei (It); 2, M Zennaro (It); equal 3, M Romoco (It), D Soulier (Fr). Best British placing: 7, K Beydoun.

HOCKEY

CRYSTAL PALACE: English women's indoor championships: Clubs: Final standings: Group A: 1, Hightown 12pts; 2, Chelmsford 9; 3, Ealing 4; 4, Sutton Coldfield 4, 5, St Austell 0. Group B: 1, Slough 12pts; 2, Ipswich 9; 3, Leicester 6; 4, Doncaster 3, 5, Green Dragons 0. Semi-finals: Hightown 3 Ipswich 2; Slough 3 Chelmsford 1. Final: Slough 5 Hightown 5 (Slough won 3-2 on penalties).

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NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Chicago 3 Anaheim 2; Edmonton 5 Winnipeg 2; Hartford 4 Vancouver 2; Florida 3 Boston 0; Buffalo 4 New York Islanders 1; San Jose 7 Dallas 1.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Northeast division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Pittsburgh	26	15	11	191	182	63
Montreal	27	19	6	177	153	60
Boston	25	18	9	189	152	61
Buffalo	26	22	5	177	142	57
Quebec	21	27	5	174	185	47
Hartford	19	30	5	158	188	44
Ottawa	9	40	7	141	255	25

Atlantic division

NY Rangers	34	13	4	163	132	72
New Jersey	29	17	6	189	145	64
Florida	23	19	10	150	140	56
Washington	24	25	4	169	168	52
Philadelphia	24	26	3	187	188	51
NY Islanders	19	26	6	173	181	44
Tampa Bay	19	28	6	137	161	44

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central division

Toronto	26	15	11	184	153	67
Detroit	30	17	5	231	179	65
Dallas	28	20	7	192	179	63
St Louis	27	19	8	172	176	62
Chicago	25	21	6	158	147	56
Winnipeg	17	31	7	161	220	41

Pacific division

Calgary	26	19	9	199	170	61
Vancouver	26	25	2	179	175	54
San Jose	18	24	11	148	169	47
Anaheim	21	31	4	154	172	46
Los Angeles	19	27	6	195	207	44
Edmonton	15	32	8	170	198	38

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell 8 Whitley Bay 5. Cardiff 11 Basingstoke 4, Durham 6 Sheffield 4 Humberside 5 Fife 3; Peterborough 6 Murrayfield 10. First division: Blackburn 8 Slough 5, Guildford 10 Streatham 0; Lee Valley 10 Chelmsford 5; Medway 2 Romford 7, Oxford 9 Trafford 23; Solihull 4 Paisley 7; Telford 17 Durrines 4.

FOOTBALL

SPANISH LEAGUE: Barcelona 2 Athletic Bilbao 3; Ravo Vallecano 1 Lleida 2; Logrorles 1 Tenerife 2, Valencia 2 Racing de Santander 1, Celta 3 Atlético Madrid 2; Sporting Gijón 0 Oviedo 0; Sevilla 3 Valladolid 3, Real Sociedad 1 Osasuna 0; Albacete 2 Zaragoza 1

BRAZILIAN LEAGUES: São Paulo: Comthians 1 Novorizontino 1, Ituano 1 Palmeiras 6; Mogi Mirim 1 Ferroveria 3; Ponte Preta 0 Bragantino 1; Portuguesa 1 São Paulo 1; Rio Branco 0 Guarani 2; Santo André 1 Santos 0, União São João 1 America 2. Rio de Janeiro: America 0 Fluminanse 1, Americano 1 Campo Grande 1, Flamengo 1 Madureira 1, Olsna 0 Botafogo 0; Volta Redonda 1 Itaperuna 0.

GOLF

LAKE WORTH, Florida: Women's tournament: Final scores: 201: D Coe-Jones (Can) 67, 69, 65. 202: L Merten (US) 71, 67, 64. 203: L Davies (GB) 69, 65, 69. 204: L Walters (Can) 66, 68, 70. 206: D Mochrie (US) 70, 67, 69. 207: J Stephenson (Aus) 70, 68, 69. Other British score: 213: C Pierce 71, 73, 69.

PEBBLE BEACH, California: Pro-Am tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 281: J Maier 68, 72, 67, 74. 282: T Watson 69, 67, 72, 74; C Pavin 69, 71, 71, 71; J Maggert 68, 72, 72, 70; K Triplett 69, 74, 67, 72. 283: T Lehman 69, 68, 73, 73. 284: K Clearwater 70, 70, 71, 73, T Trybe 70, 70, 70, 74; B McCallister 68, 71, 72, 73; J Delsing 66, 75, 70, 73; D Hart 65, 71, 70, 78.

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida: Seniors tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 205: L Trevino 66, 73, 66 (won play-off); K Zarley, 71, 66, 68. 207: J C Snead 71, 68, 70; R Charles (NZ) 70, 67, 70. 208: G Archer 69, 68, 71. 209: S Hobday (SA) 75, 69, 65; T Wargo 69, 72, 68; B Murphy 67, 71, 71. 210: T Dill 73, 73, 64; C Rodriguez 70, 70, 70; T Aaron 69, 71, 70; G Player (SA) 69, 70, 71.

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus) 20.39; 2, N Faldo (GB) 19.53; 3, B Langer (Ger) 17.36; 4, N Price (Zim) 16.55; 5, F Couples (US) 16.01; 6, P Azinger (US) 14.03; 7, I Woosnam (GB) 11.43; 8, D Frost (SA) 10.41; 9, C Pavin (US) 9.91; 10, T Kite (US) 9.82.

MOTOR RACING

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida: 24-hour race (US unless stated): 1, P Gentilozzi, S Pruett, B Leitzinger, S Millen, Nissan 300 ZX, 702 laps; 2, D Dupy (Fr), J Percia (Sp), B Wollek (Fr), J Lecomte (Fr), Porsche 911, 683; 3, D Ebeling (Ger), K Wlazik (Ger), O Richter (Ger), G Dobler (Ger), Porsche 911, 671; 4, M Sandridge (US), H Grohs (Ger), B Weyländer (Ger), F Vanthoor (Ger), Porsche 911, 670; 5, I Huerr, J Fergus, M Dismore, D Brassfield, Oldsmobile, 665.

MOTOR RALLYING

WYEDEAN STAGES (Gloucestershire): 1, R Duckworth (Sierra Cosworth) 42 min 48 sec; 2, B Bell (Escort Cosworth) 42.54, 3, R Moore (Subaru Legacy) 43.19.

GOSLEDO RALLY (North Wales): 1, C Crook (Talbot Sunbeam) 54 10; 2, K Parry (Escort) 57.12; 3, D Harris (Mazda 323) 58.13.

RIPONIAN STAGES (North Yorkshire): 1, S Garner (Escort Cosworth) 50.58; 2, M Stephenson (Escort) 51.34; 3, D Moon (Escort) 51.44.

GEOFF TAYLOR SPORTING TRIAL (Worcestershire): 1, I Wright (Sherpa) 15 marks lost; 2, I Bell (Facksimile) 28; 3, S Coutts (Facksimile) 29.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Lacoste British Open championships: Second round: J Spurling bt C Bridgeman 15-11, 15-11, 15-6; T Sawrey-Cookson bt C Woltidge 15-6, 15-7, 15-10; J Acheson-Gray bt J Beaumont 11-15, 15-12, 15-7, 15-7; W Boone bt R Tolchard 15-5, 15-0, 15-10. Third round: A Robinson bt P Nichols 18-13, 15-0, 15-4.

REAL TENNIS

HAMPTON COURT: George Wimpey British Mixed Doubles championships: Quarter- finals: M Allen and B Clive bt S Bidouza (Fr) and W Malloy 5-2, 5-2; M Briggs and J Fletcher bt S Herbert and P Jarvis 4-5, 5-4, 5-2; M Happell and M Ward bt L Ronaldson and D Reid 5-3, 5-2; S McIntosh and T Warburg bt A Garside and R Skinner 5-3, 5-0. Semi-finals: Briggs and Fletcher bt Allen and Clive 6-5; McIntosh and Warburg bt Happell and Ward 6-5.

TABLE TENNIS

CARDIFF: Welsh open championships: Finals: Men: D Douglas (Eng) bt J Taylor (Eng) 21-16, 21-13. Women: H Lower (Eng) bt N Bogatyziova (Russ) 21-9, 21-16.

TENNIS

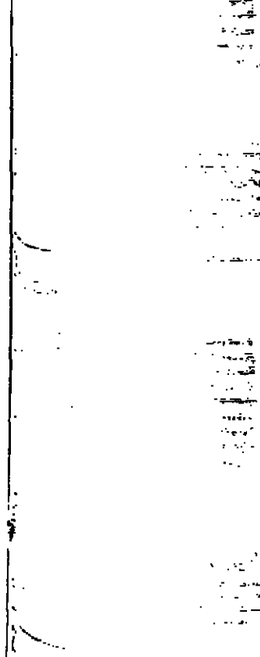
DAVIS CUP: Asia-Oceania zone: Group two: Saudi Arabia 2 Iran 3. American zone: Group one: Peru 3 Mexico 2; Uruguay 5 Cuba 0. Group two: Canada 5 Jamaica 0; Guatemala 0 Colombia 5; Venezuela 4 Paraguay 1; Puerto Rico 1 Ecuador 4.

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Men: Alfreton 0 Edgbaston 3. Women: Darlington 2 Sunderland 1; Middlesbrough 0 Northumberland 3; Edgbaston wo Alfreton, scr; Welwyn 3 Connaught 0.

MILAN: Men's tournament: First round: R Agenor (Haiti) bt J Burrillo (Sp) 6-1, 6-0. N Kulti (Swe) bt B Steven (NZ) 6-2, 6-4; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt G Rusedski (Can) 7-6, 7-6.

SAN JOSE, California: Men's tournament: Final: R Furlan (It) bt M Chang (US) 7-6, 6-2, 7-5.

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Autoglass Trophy
Semi-final North
Carlisle v Lincoln

Semi-final South
Fulham v Wycombe (7.45)
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Kettering v Bath

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Third round
Alloa v Ross County
East Stirling v Aberdeen

Third-round replays
Cowdenbeath v Morton
Dunfermline v Arbroath

Scottish League
Premier division
St Johnstone v Motherwell

Second division
Stenhousemuir v Queen of the South

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley v Crawley, Burton v Worcester, Farnborough v Chelmsford (7.45), Gloucester v Halesowen; Hastings v Dorchester, Trowbridge v Waterlooville, Postponed: Nuneaton v Moor Green. Midland division: Armitage v Sutton Coldfield; Bridgnorth v Redditch; Grantham v RC Warwick, Hinckley v Bedworth; King's Lynn v Rushden and Diamonds; Leicester Utd v Stourbridge. Southern division: Baldock v Dunstable, Buckingham v Braintree; Bury Town v Ashford; Fisher 93 v Wealdstone; Gravesend and Northfleet v Fareham; Newport IOW v Weymouth; Poole v Salisbury; Sudbury v Burnham; Witney v Havant.

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Walton and Hersham v Whyteleafe. Second division: Banstead v Hungerford; Chertsey v Barton Ware v Newbury. Third division: Cove v Chesham. Carlsberg Cup: Second round: Saffron Walden v Tilbury.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ossett v Armthorpe Welfare, Stocksbridge PS v Hucknall; Thackley v Lincoln Utd. President's Cup: Arnold v Liversedge.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR v Bradford Park Avenue; Bacup v Ruston, Eastwood Hanley v Goole; Kidsgrove v Salford; Skelmersdale v Darwen.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss v Great Yarmouth; Haverhill v Chatteris, Lowestoft v Wroxham, Tiptree v Harwich and Parkeston

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Elmore v Chippenham, Mangotsfield v Frome

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE (7.45): Ards v Glenavon; Distillery v Cliftonville; Glentoran v Bangor; Newry v Linfield.

PONTINS LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Coventry v Liverpool; Everton v Aston Villa. Second division: Rotherham v Preston.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: QPR v Norwich (at Harrow Borough, 7.0); Watford v Southampton. Second division: Birmingham v Torquay (7.0).

RUGBY UNION

Heineken League
First division
Cross Keys v Neath (7.0)

Club matches
Penarth v Pontypool (7.0)
Tredegar v Pontypridd (7.0)

CANCELLED: Newbridge v South Wales Police.

RUGBY LEAGUE

AMATEUR YOUTH INTERNATIONAL: Great Britain v France (at Ryedale Stadium, York).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Men's National Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Worthing v Guildford (8.15).

SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (Wembley Conference Centre)

TENNIS: LTA women's satellite tournament (Sunderland).

MORE MNEMONIC

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ANTIMERE

(c) An opposite division or half, usually in the plural *antimeres or* in the Latin form *antimera*, biological, from the Greek *anti* against + *meros* part.

BIXA

(c) A genus of small trees, natives of tropical America, from the fruits of one species of which, *Bixa orellana*, the dye anatta is prepared; hence *Bixin*, the colouring principle of anatta, or a variety of anatta of greatly increased colouring power.

GNOMOLOGY

(c) A collection of general maxims or precepts, adaptation of the Greek *gnōmologia* the uttering or collecting of gnomes. *gnōmē* a gnome or sententious precept; Milton, 1645: "Which art of powerful reclaiming, wisest men have also taught in their ethical precepts and gnomologies."

FLUSTRATION

(a) The condition of being flustered, fluster, agitation, vulgar or jocular, made up from *fluster* with a nod to *frustration*; Richardson, *Clarissa*: "How soon these fine young ladies will be put into flustrations."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Nd2! (threatening ... Nf1+) is overwhelming, e.g. 2 Qa6 (or 2 Qa1) 2 ... Rf8; or 2 h4 Nf1+ 3 Kh3 h5! with ... Qc8+ or ... Qd7+ following.

Cheltenham aspirants come under the microscope in key trials this week

Persistent support for Flakey Dove

By Julian Muscat

THE National Hunt season steps up a gear from tomorrow when Ascot stages the first in a series of fixtures that will determine the merit of several Cheltenham festival aspirants. Among those in line to test the water are Remittance Man, Current Express, One Man, Jodami and Oh So Risky, the latter bound for the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury on Saturday.

Oh So Risky, cut to 8-1 from 10-1 for the Champion Hurdle by William Hill yesterday, has been assigned top weight of 12 stone in the Newbury handicap. Nonetheless, David Elsworth, his trainer, is keen to run him, but not on heavy ground. Should the heavens open and Oh So Risky be withdrawn, Flakey Dove, a well-backed favourite with the sponsors, will head the handicap on 11st 10lb after a 9lb rise in the weights.

Punters paid scant notice of that possibility yesterday, supporting Flakey Dove at all rates from 5-1 down to 7-2 with the Tote. They then bet 4-1 Large Action, 7-1 Arcot, 9-1 High Baron, Oh So Risky and Thumbs Up, 10-1 Land Afar and Nijmegen, and 12-1 or better about the remaining seven declared for the two-mile test.

However, heavy rain would also jeopardise the participation of Arcot and High Baron, while Nijmegen, presently just out of the handicap on 9st 9lb, may defect if Oh So Risky takes his chance. "Mark [Dwyer] can do 10st 2lb and will ride if the weights go up," Nijmegen's Malton-based trainer, Jimmy Fitzgerald, said yesterday. "If Oh So Risky does run then I might just give the race a miss. Jamie Osborne rode my horse to win at Kempton last time but he will be riding Large Action on Saturday."

Consequently, there are doubts about four of the top eight horses quoted by the Tote. But the novice Large Action, the long-time ante-post favourite, will definitely be pitched in against handicappers for the first time. The six-year-old's trainer, Oliver Sherwood, is unconcerned about the ground and the chance of a rise in the weights.

"Good to soft ground would be ideal for him but the prospect of testing ground would lessen the chances of many others," Sherwood said. "Even without Oh So Risky we would have a racing weight of 11st 3lb as long as Flakey Dove turns out."

The Newbury card on Saturday also features the Mitsubishi Shogun Game Spirit Handicap Chase, which has attracted seven entries. The star cast includes Deep Sensation, Sybillin, Viking Flagship, Wonder Man and Remittance Man.

The latter, winner of 12 of his 13 races over fences, has been off the course for 14 months and will not be risked on heavy ground. The same applies to stable companion Current Express, who is engaged at the Berkshire track on Friday.

More immediately, Gordon Richards's unbeaten fencer, One Man, is poised to clash with the Martin Pipe-trained Lord Relic in the Reynoldstown Novices' Chase over an extended three miles at Ascot tomorrow.

This would represent a meeting of two of the finest chasing prospects to be seen this season. One Man has yet to be extended in winning his four chases to date, while Lord Relic gained many admirers with his effortless graduation to the bigger obstacles at Lingfield on Friday.

Meanwhile, entries for the last three of nine championship races at the Cheltenham festival were published yesterday. The Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle has attracted 100 nominees, the Triumph Hurdle 81 and the Citroen Supreme Novices' Hurdle a further 75.

One interesting statistic about the nine races is that Pipe, the reigning champion trainer, is responsible for 53 entrants. Once again, his hand looks sure to be strong.

MARTIN LYNCH



The highly-regarded novice chaser One Man, seen winning at Haydock, is due to meet another talented recruit, Lord Relic, at Ascot tomorrow

Maguire fined

ADRIAN Maguire was fined £400 at Fontwell Park yesterday on his return to the saddle after being banned for ten of the last 11 days. Riding Access Sun in the Arundel Handicap Hurdle, he mistook the winning line and rode a finish with a circuit still to race.

Quality entry at Wincanton

By Brian Beel

THE TIMES RISING STARS

THERE has been a high-class entry for the first qualifying race in The Times Rising Stars series at Wincanton on Thursday, including five winners from the Point-to-point Owners' Club meeting at Barbury Castle a fortnight ago.

Of these, the most impressive was Johnny Greenall's Sunny Mount, the winner of the division of the Land Rover qualifier. Greenall was also successful that day on Kilfinny Cross in the restricted, who is another entry, along with Richard Russell's Avostar. The trio are trained by Caroline Saunders, and it is unlikely that they will all run on Thursday, with Avostar holding an alternative engagement in the Times Rising Stars qualifier at Hereford on Monday.

The hunter chase debut of Flame O'Frensi, winner of the mares' race at Barbury, has been eagerly awaited as she has won ten and been placed in all her other 18 races in the last three seasons. Her winning time two weeks ago was, however, slower than two of the other entries, Mr Golightly and Tirley Missile.

Other possible runners include Over The Edge and Roving Report. The former won at Ampton ten days ago, while the latter was not hard pressed to win the confined at Badbury Rings on the same afternoon. Both have proven ability in hunter chases.

THE second season of the Times Rising Stars series starts at Wincanton on Thursday. Full details of the series will appear in *The Times* tomorrow.

WINCANTON ENTRIES

2.00 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTERS CHASE (Qualifier: £1,970: 3m 1f 110yd) (14)

1 3-21 OVER THE EDGE (C Sporborg) C Sporborg 8-12-12 ... S Sporborg
2 31-1 ROVING REPORT (B Natley) H Wellstead 7-12-5 ... R Alner
3 3- AVOSTAR (R Russell) Miss C Saunders 7-11-12 ... R Russell
4 11-F COOL RELATION (D Caro) D Caro 8-11-12 ... A Phillips
5 22-1 KILFINNY CROSS (J Greenall) Miss C Saunders 6-11-12 ... –
6 34-5 KINGS GUNNER (P J Liston) W Gooden 7-11-12 ... Miss P Curling
7 22-1 MR GOLIGHTLY (Mrs B Cobden) Mrs S Cobden 7-11-12 ... –
8 /53- SAGARO SUN (M Anthony) M Anthony 8-11-12 ... Miss C Thomas
9 11-1 SUNNY MOUNT (J Greenall) Miss C Saunders 8-11-12 ... J Greenall
10 14-1 TIRLEY MISSILE (D Smith) D Smith 8-11-12 ... –
11 12-4 ZORRO'S MARK (Mrs J Purdie) Mrs J Purdie 7-11-12 ... –
12 12-1 FLAME O'FRENSI (P Clarke) K Cumings 8-11-7 ... Miss J Cumings
13 -443 RACHELS ROCKER (M Lockyer) M Lockyer 7-11-7 ... –
14 1U-3 UPHAM CLOSE (R Hand) R Hand 8-11-7 ... Miss A Turner

WARWICK

THUNDERER

1.30 Rumpus
2.00 Raymylette
2.30 Broad Steane
3.00 Windy Ways
3.30 Our Slimbridge
4.00 Dark Dawn
4.30 Idiot's Lady

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 MAD THYME.

Brian Beel: 4.00 Dark Dawn.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

1.30 RYTON NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,542: 2m) (9 runners)

101 05 AMILLIONMEMORIES 67 (S and Bryanston Racing) Mrs B Waring 10-12 ... P Holley –
102 225 HOSTILE WITNESS 59 (V) (The Pink Panthers) P Hedger 10-12 ... M Richards 98
103 30 LODESTONE LAD 31 (Mrs D Weaver) R Dickin 10-12 ... D Meredith (3) 83
104 NOBLE RISK 133F (Mrs J Borrett) B De Haan 10-12 ... S McNeill –
105 0 PRIME OF LIFE 24 (Mrs T Matthews) J Eustace 10-12 ... T Kent –
106 022 STRICTLY PERSONAL 10 (Racing 2000) M Wilkinson 10-12 ... L Harvey
107 WOT NO PERKS 71F (J Ratcliffe) W Jarvis 10-12 ... V Smith –
108 0 DON'T JUMP 10 (Mrs D Weston) M Tompkins 10-7 ... D Murphy –
109 U RUMPUS 57 (Cherry Tree Racing Club) C Broad 10-7 ... W Marston –

BETTING: 2-1 Strictly Personal, 3-1 Hostile Witness, 5-1 Rumpus, 6-1 Don't Jump, 8-1 Lodestone Lad, Noble Risk, 14-1 Amillionmemories, 20-1 Wot No Perks, 25-1 Prime Of Life.

1993: SPECTACULAR DAWN 10-7 R Dunwoody (7-4 fav) N Henderson 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMILLIONMEMORIES tailed off 5th of 6 to Bagalino in novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good) HOSTILE WITNESS about 15l 5th of 8 to Admiral's Well in grade II novice hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, good to soft). Previously ½l 2nd of 13 to My Ballyboy in novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to soft) LODESTONE LAD 3½l 3rd of 19 to Wollboll in novice hurdle over course and distance (soft) on penultimate start with RUMPUS close up when unseated rider 3 out. STRICTLY PERSONAL 2½l 3rd of 17 (promoted to 2nd) to Winter Forest in novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to soft) with DON'T JUMP tailed off 14th. Selection: HOSTILE WITNESS

2.00 PRINCETHORPE NOVICES CHASE (£3,610: 2m 4f 110yd) (8 runners)

201 2P-0313 BARELY BLACK 43 (D,S) (J Cantrill) N Babbage 6-11-10 ... W Humphreys 62
202 00112-1 RAYMYLETTE 15 (D,S) (Lady Lloyd Webber) N Henderson 7-11-10 ... R Dunwoody
203 2-24231 RIVER MANDATE 20 (D,G) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 7-11-10 ... B Powell 71
204 053-FP BUCKELIGHT 41 (Mrs C Antrobus) T Forster 6-11-5 ... R Farrant (3) –
205 PPP46-P EIGHTY EIGHT 67 (Mrs H Dowson) Mrs H Dowson 9-11-5 ... V Slattery –
206 5300-30 FREE JUSTICE 31 (S) (Lt Col B Lockhart) N Twiston-Davies 10-11-5 ... C Llewellyn 50
207 1-2023P WINGS OF FREEDOM 22 (B,F) (American Publishers Ltd) J Jenkins 6-11-5 ... A Maguire 76
208 1P-F30F FANTASY WORLD 12 (G,S) (Mr & Mrs F Welch) J Gifford 8-11-0 ... D Murphy 71

BETTING: 4-7 Raymylette, 7-2 River Mandate, 10-1 Free Justice, Wings Of Freedom, 12-1 Fantasy World, 16-1 Barely Black, Buckelight, 25-1 Eighty Eight.

1993: NEVADA GOLD 7-11-6 D Gallagher (6-1) F Yardley 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARELY BLACK beat Tekla 1½l in 18-runner novice chase at Worcester (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. RAYMYLETTE beat Rouyan 30l in 11-runner novice chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) RIVER MANDATE beat Knave Of Clubs 4l in 8-runner novice chase at Ludlow (2m 4f, good).
FREE JUSTICE 12½l 3rd of 9 to Fantus in novices handicap chase at Stratford (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. WINGS OF FREEDOM 11½l 3rd of 5 to Earth Summit in novice chase at Cheltenham (2m 5f, soft) on penultimate start. FANTASY WORLD best recent effort 3¼l 3rd of 4 to San Lorenzo in novice chase at Sandown (2m, good to soft).
Selection: RAYMYLETTE (nap)

2.30 E.B.F. NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,910: 2m 4f 110yd) (20 runners)

301 4-310 CUNNINGHAMS FORD 67 (F) (E Harvey) O Sherwood 6-11-10 ... Mr A Harvey (7) 72
302 1300-61 MR PICKPOCKET 36 (S) (J Holmes) J Akehurst 6-11-5 ... R Supple 68
303 5 A N C EXPRESS 66 (ANC Owners Group) J King 6-11-0 ... R Greene 71
304 0 BARON RUSH 84 (Mrs A Barker) W G Turner 6-11-0 ... Tracy Turner –
305 011 BATTY'S ISLAND 48 (G) (Mrs M Price) B Preece 5-11-0 ... T Wall –
306 50 BETTER BYTHE GLASS 38 (Bloodshot Syndicate) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 ... C Llewellyn –
307 405 BROAD STEANE 17 (Sir Michael Connell) S Mellor 5-11-0 ... S Earle 82
308 0- CELESTIAL STREAM 283 (L Williams) L Williams 7-11-0 ... R Farrant (3) –
309 0/45- CELTIC ROMPER 283 (T Houlbrooke) T Houlbrooke 7-11-0 ... R Bellamy 54
310 0 CORNS LITTLE FELLA 12 (M Clarke) D Geraghty 6-11-0 ... Mr T Byrne (5) –
311 0-00 GUSHKA 26 (Mrs B Taylor) Mrs M McCourt 7-11-0 ... G McCourt –
312 4-6 HECTOR'S RETURN 66 (Mrs V Hill) R Brotherton 6-11-0 ... D Bridgwater –
313 0P-4333 MAD THYME 17 (R Jenks) N Gaselee 7-11-0 ... J Frost
314 52-34 SPUFFINGTON 26 (J Clopet) J Gifford 6-11-0 ... D Murphy 89
315 6-P TAKE CHANCES 146 (Mrs N Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 6-11-0 ... P Holley –
316 WHITE HUNTER (Miss N Carroll) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-11-0 ... C Maude –
317 05-5 BLACK H'PENNY 57 (R Britten) J Old 6-10-9 ... T Grantham 66
318 0U64 DREAMLINE 22 (R Wheeler) M Muggeridge 5-10-9 ... M Ahern –
319 4 HENRY'S SISTER 48 (R Macauley) M Wilkinson 7-10-9 ... P Ward (7) –
320 02S1/ LADY OF ROME 686 (J Sheehan) J Sheehan 7-10-9 ... J Supple (5) –

BETTING: 3-1 Mad Thyme, 6-1 Batty's Island, Broad Steane, 6-1 Better Bythe Glass, 8-1 Mr Pickpocket, Spuffington, 10-1 Cunninghams Ford, 12-1 Henry's Sister, 14-1 others.

1993: COONAWARA 7-11-10 C Llewellyn (11-8 fav) T Forster 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

CUNNINGHAMS FORD beat Frank Rich 15l in 6-runner novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. MR PICKPOCKET beat Spread Your Wings a short-head in 7-runner novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy). BATTY'S ISLAND beat Seahawk Retriever 20l in 12-runner National Hunt flat race at Southwell (AW, 2m). MAD THYME 7½l 3rd of 14 to Cornouge in novice hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, good to soft) with BROAD STEANE 17½l 5th. SPUFFINGTON 5l 3rd of 19 to Bond Jnr in novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft) on penultimate start with A N C EXPRESS 11½l 5th. HENRY'S SISTER 8l 4th of 21 to Beatson in National Hunt flat race here (2m, heavy) with DREAMLINE 6½l 6th
Selection: MAD THYME

3.00 GEORGE CONEY CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £5,020: 3m 5f) (9 runners)

401 31262-P BELMOUNT CAPTAIN 10 (G,S) (R Lavelle) G Balding 9-11-7 ... J Frost 92
402 1/00FOU- ROC DE PRINCE 311 (G,S) (Mrs D Thompson) M Pipe 11-11-2 ... R Dunwoody –
403 FUF4U-0 DUNTREE 60 (G,S) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 9-10-13 ... A Maguire 88
404 121-545 SUPERIOR FINISH 60 (G,S) (Drawact Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-11 ... J Osborne 97
405 1PF2-54 WINDY WAYS 52 (F,G) (Mrs P Sherwood) N Henderson 9-10-9 ... M A Fitzgerald 93
406 0-532P2 ANNIO CHILONE 18 (G,S) (Miss J Semple) J Gifford 8-10-0 ... P Hide (3) 91
407 1223P-0 GLENBROOK D'OR 26 (C,G,S) (T Leadbeater) A J Wilson 10-10-0 ... B Clifford
408 10-200P PAMBER PRIORY 26 (G,S) (D Malvas) T Thomson Jones 11-10-0 ... B Powell 88
409 665365 WOODLANDS GENHIRE 15 (V,F) (Woodlands Ltd) P Pritchard 9-10-0 ... R Davis (3) 65

Long handicap: Annio Chilone 9-13, Glenbrook D'Or 9-9, Pamber Priory 9-8, Woodlands Genhire 7-0.

BETTING: 3-1 Superior Finish, 4-1 Annio Chilone, 9-2 Windy Ways, 6-1 Duntree, Roc De Prince, 8-1 Belmount Captain, 12-1 Glenbrook D'Or, 14-1 Pamber Priory, 66-1 Woodlands Genhire

1993: DIRECT 10-10-7 N Williamson (15-8) J Edwards 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

SUPERIOR FINISH 23½l 5th of 8 to Flashing Steel in handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, good) with DUNTREE (4lb worse off) tailed off. Previously 10½l 4th of 7 to Light Veneer in handicap chase here (3m 2f, good) with WINDY WAYS (7lb worse off) 20l 5th.
WINDY WAYS subsequently 22l 4th of 8 to Young Hustler in handicap chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, good to soft). ANNIO CHILONE 12l 2nd of 10 to Catchapenny in conditional jockeys handicap chase at Kempton (3m, good to soft). GLENBROOK D'OR 47l 7th of 14 to Auction Law in handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft) with PAMBER PRIORY (2lb better off) pulled-up. PAMBER PRIORY best recent effort 2l 2nd of 12 to Fair Brother in handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, good)
Selection: SUPERIOR FINISH

3.30 GLOBE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,558: 2m 4f 110yd) (9 runners)

501 14P/P0-P GOLDEN CELTIC 88 (G,S) (Mrs H Brown) Miss H Knight 10-12-0 ... J Osborne –
502 14PP-10 OUR SLIMBRIDGE 10 (CD,G,S) (A Fiber) C Williams 6-11-11 ... A Carroll 90
503 P-6FF00 SHANNON GLEN 36 (B,D,S) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-10 ... D Bohan (7) –
504 321/11-P BALLYSTATE 36 (F,G) (Mrs R Stevens) C James 6-11-3 ... S McNeill 87
505 5121/36- VICTOR BRAVO 467 (G) (Mrs R Baker) N Gaselee 7-11-0 ... C Llewellyn 91
506 0331/5- SPARTAN TIMES 376 (S) (G Beccle) T Forster 10-10-13 ... B Powell 86
507 4-53014 HIGH GRADE 17 (D,G,S) (Under Orders Racing III) Miss S Wilton 6-10-12 ... R Dunwoody 95
508 0403-U0 LEAVENWORTH 14 (G) (A Gardiner-Hill) Mrs J Retter 10-10-10 ... M A Fitzgerald
509 0-42242 ISLAND JEWEL 14 (BF,S) (M Cartwright) J Bosley 6-10-8 ... M Bosley 95

BETTING: 9-4 Island Jewel, 3-1 Our Slimbridge, 9-2 High Grade, 8-1 Victor Bravo, 10-1 Ballystate, Leavenworth, 16-1 Golden Celtic, Shannon Glen, Spartan Times.

1993: FOX CHAPEL 6-11-2 D Byrne (11-4) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

OUR SLIMBRIDGE beat So Discreet a head in 12-runner claiming hurdle over course and distance (good to soft) with HIGH GRADE (1lb better off) 14l 3rd.
BALLYSTATE beat Viceroy Jester 5l in 5-runner handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 2f, good). VICTOR BRAVO 4l 3rd of 9 to Annicombe Run in handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, good) in October 1992. SPARTAN TIMES 24½l 5th of 10 to Officer Cadet in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (3m 2f, good to soft) in January 1993. HIGH GRADE 12½l 4th of 10 to Meditator in handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, good to soft). ISLAND JEWEL 5l 4th of 13 to Brightling Boy in handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m 6f 110yd, soft) with SHANNON GLEN (6lb better off) tailed off 8th and BALLYSTATE (1lb better off) pulled up before 2 out.
Selection: ISLAND JEWEL

4.00 AIR WEDDING TROPHY HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,576: 2m 4f 110yd) (9 runners)

601 21011F- DARK DAWN 253 (D,G,S) (J Greenall) P Cheesbrough 10-12-8 ... J Greenall
602 42/2113- NO ESCORT 333 (F,G) (R Russell) Miss C Saunders 10-12-8 ... R Russell (5) 93
603 P/PP- BOLD REPUBLIC 332P (B,S) (Mrs M Boswell) J Boswell 8-12-2 ... N Ridout (7) –
604 F/11U3/ EASTERN DESTINY 690 (CD,G,S) (E Griffith) Mrs J Griffith 16-12-2 ... A Griffith (7) –
605 504F3-3 JOLLY ROGER 17P (F) (N Skelton) N Skelton 7-12-2 ... M J Jones (7) 72
606 UF06P6- KAMEO STYLE 322 (D,F,G,S) (F Matthews) F Matthews 11-12-2 ... B Pollock (7) 79
607 255P-63 MAN OF THE WEST 17P (G,S) (M Smith) M Gingell 11-12-2 ... M Gingell (7) 80
608 /2PP-02 SALCOMBE HARBOUR 14 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Irish) H Irish 10-12-2 ... P Pritchard (7) 90
609 00PF- WRENS TRIX 248P (F) (D Probert) D Probert 10-12-2 ... S Blackwell (7) –

☐ Form figures include point-to-points

BETTING: 6-4 Dark Dawn, 2-1 No Escort, 6-1 Eastern Destiny, 10-1 Salcombe Harbour, Jolly Roger, 14-1 others.

1993: RADICAL VIEWS 8-11-9 E Bailey (11-4) Mrs A Murray 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DARK DAWN best effort beat Fish Quay 8l in hunter chase at Perth (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) last season NO ESCORT best effort beat Knocklumshin ¾l in hunter chase at Hereford (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm) last season.
EASTERN DESTINY best effort beat Ashpit 2½l in hunter chase here (3m 1f, soft) in Feb 1992. JOLLY ROGER 28l 3rd of 9 to Sunny Mount in point-to-point at Barbury Castle (3m, good to soft). SALCOMBE HARBOUR 25l 2nd of 9 to Double Silk in hunter chase at Chepstow (3m, soft).
Selection: DARK DAWN

4.30 E.B.F. STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,884: 2m) (21 runners)

1 1 BEAR CLAW 12 (S) (Roach Foods Ltd) D Nicholson 5-12-0 ... R Massey (7) –
2 12 BEATSON 17 (S) (Mrs E Gardiner) N Twiston-Davies 5-12-0 ... T Jenks (5) –
3 1 KARICLEIGH BOY 36 (S) (E Eveleigh) Mrs J Retter 6-12-0 ... Mr J Culloty (7) –
4 5 COUNTRY PARSON 40 (Major H Porter) J McConnochie 5-11-7 ... E Tolhurst (7) –
5 GALES OF LAUGHTER (Lord Leverhulme) T Forster 5-11-7 ... R Farrant (3) –
6 GLENSIO (The Serious Damage Partnership) G Balding 5-11-7 ... N Collum (7) –
7 JACK DREAMING (M Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) G Balding 5-11-7 ... R Davis (3) –
8 JUNGLE KING (A Darlington) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 5-11-7 ... S Fox (7) –
9 KING'S COURTIER (Mrs J Ellis) M Pipe 5-11-7 ... T Dascombe (7) –
10 4 LYME GOLD 69 (BF) (N Chamberlain) O Sherwood 5-11-7 ... J McCarthy (5) –
11 0 MOORE BONES 62 (D Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 6-11-7 ... W Marston –
12 PETE THE PARSON (W Shurt) J Old 5-11-7 ... Pat Thompson (7) –
13 0 RELAXED LAD 116 (Mrs H Hill) J Peacock 5-11-7 ... J Bond (7) –
14 0-0 WOODLANDS POWER 12 (V) (Woodlands Ltd) P Pritchard 6-11-7 ... Mr M Rimell (7) –
15 1 COURTOWN BOY 20 (G) (J Creaton) O O'Neill 4-11-4 ... Mr G Hogan (7) –
16 BONNY BEAU (L Williams) L Williams 6-11-2 ... Guy Lewis (5) –
17 2 IDIOT'S LADY 24 (Mrs J Oldham) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-2 ... D Boran (7) –
18 COUNTRY CONCORDE (Bob Coles) C Jones 4-10-11 ... D Meredith (3) –
19 GAMBLES LANE (D Jenks) N Babbage 4-10-11 ... P Maddock (7) –
20 GUNS OF GOLD (T K Construction Ltd) J O'Shea 4-10-11 ... R Walker (7) –
21 HAILE DERRING (Mrs V Stockdale) M Scudamore 4-10-11 ... Mr S Joynes (7) –

BETTING: 4-1 Beatson, 5-1 Bear Claw, 6-1 Courtown Boy, Karicleigh Boy, 8-1 Idiot's Lady, King's Courtier, 12-1 Lyme Gold, Jungle King, 14-1 Pete The Parson, Gales Of Laughter, Jack Dreaming, 16-1 others.

1993: TEXAN BABY 4-10-6 V Slattery (14-1) N Twiston-Davies 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEAR CLAW beat Kilfone Abbot a short-head in National Hunt flat race at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft) with WOODLANDS POWER (7lb better off) tailed off. BEATSON 20l 2nd to Dominie in National Hunt flat race at Kempton (2m, good to soft). Previously beat Flapjack Lad 4l in National Hunt flat race over course and distance (heavy). KARICLEIGH BOY beat Tap Shoes 1½l in National Hunt flat race at Exeter (2m 2f, heavy). COURTOWN BOY beat Lightening Lad 2½l in National Hunt flat race at Ludlow (2m, good). IDIOT'S LADY 4l 2nd to Tip The Dove in National Hunt flat race over course and distance (heavy)
Selection: BEATSON

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Griffith	5	6	83.3	Mr A Griffith	3	4	75.0
M Tompkins	5	14	35.7	T Jenks	6	16	37.5
N Gaselee	11	34	32.4	R Dunwoody	32	118	27.1
M Pipe	35	129	27.1	A Maguire	10	48	20.8
D Nicholson	20	92	21.7	G McCourt	8	45	17.8
N Henderson	11	51	21.6	J Osborne	11	77	14.3

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Fontwell Park

Going: soft (heavy patches)

2.00 (2m 2f ch) 1, SARTORIUS (D Meade, 5-4 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Victory Gate (A Thornton, 16-1); 3, General Merchant (T Thompson, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Fighting Days (pu), 5 Unique New York (4th). 5 ran. 15l, sh hd, 20l. T Thomson Jones at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £4.00. DF: £17.40. CSF: £14.64.

2.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, WITCHWAY NORTH (V Smith, 50-1); 2, Nanquidno (R Dunwoody, 5-4 fav); 3, Rowlandsons Gold (Lorna Vincent, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Mind The Roof (pu), 10 Dock Of The Bay (5th), Manon Lescaut (4th), 33 Shophiyoudrop (pu), 50 Celtic Lilley (pu), Freebyjove (pu), Ragazzo (pu). 10 ran. NR: Patong Beach. 1l, 3l, 15l, dist. H Collingridge at Newmarket. Tote: £56.10; £7.30, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £21.20. CSF: £104.13.

3.00 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, LUCKY LANE (C Maude, 6-1); 2, Irish Bay (J Osborne, 7-2); 3, Your Well (B Clifford, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Yorkshire Gale (5th), 20 Miss Muire (4th). 5 ran. Nk, 2l, 30l, 2l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £6.70; £2.00, £1.80. DF: £8.00. CSF: £24.14.

3.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, BALLET ROYAL (M Perrett, 10-11 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Ourownfellow (D Morris, 50-1); 3, Zulu Pearl (E Murphy, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Fontanays (4th), 7 Yellow Corn, 14 Ring Corbitts (5th), 25 Denver Bay, Duty Sergeant, 33 Domitor's Lass (pu), Temple Knight, 50 Migavon, Uncertain Times, 66 Green's Game (6th), Lb's Girl (f). 14 ran. NR: Johns Joy. 12l, 2½l, 3l, 10l, 7l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £6.90, £4.90. DF: £40.30. CSF: £42.90.

4.00 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, GOLD CAP (G McCourt, 5-1); 2, Rositary (A Maguire, 11-2); 3, Dorobo (R Farrant, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Tammy's Friend (4th), 12 Be Surprised (pu), 25 Pharoah's Laen (pu). 6 ran. 15l, 8l, 4l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £6.30; £2.10, £2.00. DF: £11.60. CSF: £26.85.

4.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, HAPPY HORSE (A Tory, 4-1 fav); 2, Jadidh (D Salter, 20-1); 3, Surcoat (L Harvey, 9-1); 4, Masai Mara (B Powell, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 The Golfing Curate, 5 Brighting Boy (pu), 7 Prize Match, 9 Doualago, 10 Access Sun (pu), 16 The Mrs (pu), 25 Cappuccino Girl, Camkins, 50 Podnda (pu), Villa Park (5th), 66 Mildred Sophia (6th), Witoski. 16 ran. NR: Smiling Chief. 13l, 5l, 2l, 3½l, 3½l. Mrs J Renfree-Barons at Stockbridge. Tote: £4.90; £1.80, £2.70, £2.50, £6.10. DF: £51.90. Trio: £125.60. CSF: £75.13. Tricast: £634.42.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £4,236.46 carried forward to Warwick today).

Placepot: £102.00.

Wolverhampton

Going: standard

1.45 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, Spring Flyer (S Whitworth, 4-1 fav); 2, Lowawaima (5-1); 3, Awesstruck (7-1). 13 ran. Hd, 3½l. A Bailey. Tote: £5.90; £2.50, £2.00, £1.90. DF: £23.40. Trio: £14.90. CSF: £25.14. Tricast: £131.88.

2.15 (1m 100yd) 1, Super Heights (Miss S Higgins, 33-1); 2, Royal Acclaim (12-1); 3, Missy-S (10-1). Pop To Stans 6-4 fav. 12 ran. NR: Gallery Artist. Nk, nk. D Williams. Tote: £283.70; £23.60, £3.50, £1.80. DF: £121.20. CSF: £370.94.

2.45 (1m 4f) 1, Mr Bean (D Holland, 7-2); 2, Tranquil Lady (5-1); 3, Swordking (2-1 fav). 9 ran. 10l, 2l. K Burke. Tote: £4.10; £1.40, £2.90, £1.60. DF: £6.60. CSF: £23.86.

3.15 (6f) 1, Arc Lamp (S D Williams, 7-1); 2, Simme's Special (11-4 fav); 3, Panther (16-1). 13 ran. Nk, 2l. J Glover. Tote: £11.70; £3.60, £1.40, £4.20. DF: £26.20. Trio: £153.90. CSF: £28.44. Tricast: £296.79.

3.45 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, Killing Time (S D Williams, 4-11); 2, Alpine Johnny (3-1); 3, Mr Devious (2-1 jt-fav). Lone Risk 2-1 jt-fav. 6 ran. 4l, hd. A Forbes. Tote: £4.10; £1.90, £2.20. DF: £8.10. CSF: £16.11.

4.15 (7f) 1, Espla (C Nutter, Evens fav); 2, Charmans Choice (4-1); 3, Brigade (6-4). 4 ran. 1l, 2½l. M Prescott. Tote: £2.20. DF: £4.80. CSF: £5.60.

4.45 (7f) 1, Cazanove's Pet (C Hawksley, 3-1); 2, Shuttlecock (9-4); 3, Capital Lady (8-1). Ovalworld 7-4 fav. 6 ran. ¾l, 2l. G Bravery. Tote: £4.70; £1.80, £1.10. DF: £7.40. CSF: £10.25.

Placepot: £336.90.

☐ Collier Bay, the Jim Old-trained Triumph Hurdle hope, has met with a setback and misses his planned debut at Warwick today. Old said yesterday: "Collier Bay pulled off a shoe and has had to miss four or five days work."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: FURRY BABY (4.20 Carlisle)

Next best: Ivy House (3.20 Carlisle)

CARLISLE

THUNDERER

1.50 Lo Stregone. 2.20 Night Of Madness. 2.50 Island Gale. 3.20 Ivy House. 3.50 DOLIKOS (nap). 4.20 Make Me Proud.

GOING: SOFT (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT (HURDLES) SIS

1.50 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,262: 3m) (14 runners)

1 1122 LO STREGONE 38 (D,BF,G,S) T Tate 8-11-10 ... M Dwyer
2 0PF0 BUCKWHEAT LAD 17 P Cheesbrough 6-10-10 ... Mr T Byrne (5) 83
3 -P32 EXTRA SPECIAL 5 G Richards 9-10-10 ... N Doughty 89
4 PPPF GRAAL LEGEND 13 P Cheesbrough 9-10-10 ... C Grant –
5 -45P IRISH GENT 43 (F) P Cheesbrough 8-10-10 ... K Johnson 76
6 0 LORD BERTRAM 104 J Hellens 6-10-10 ... A Larnach (3) –
7 F353 MOW CREEK 19 Mrs S Bradburne 10-10-10 ... Mr J Bradburne 64
8 MY PARTNER 5 Payne 6-10-10 ... T Reed –
9 5/0 NORRISMOUNT 7 G Richards 8-10-10 ... M Moloney –
10 6F25 PADDY MORRISSEY 18 J Haldane 7-10-10 ... A Dobbin 88
11 0425 SHELTON ABBEY 13 (F,G,S) J Hellens 8-10-10 ... K Jones 80
12 0/F STRONG CHANCE 18 J Charlton 8-10-10 ... B Storey –
13 F THE PUB 10 L Lloyd-James 8-10-10 ... J Corkell –
14 P02P VULPIN DE LAUGERE 5 Mrs S Bramall 7-10-10 ... J Burke (5) 78

2-5 Lo Stregone, 11-2 Extra Special, 8-1 Paddy Morrissey, 10-1 Vulpin De Laugere, 12-1 Shelton Abbey, 16-1 Buckwheat Lad, 20-1 others.

2.20 WETHERAL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,861: 2m 1f) (9)

1 5112 FLASH OF REALM 17 (D,BF,G,S) P Monteith 8-11-10 ... A Dobbin 92
2 05-0 NIGHT OF MADNESS 10 (F) G Richards 7-11-2 ... N Doughty 88
3 0303 A GENTLEMAN TWO 25 (CD,G) J Eyre 8-11-1 ... D Pears
4 13/ MASHUM 645 (C,S) W Storey 8-10-7 ... K Johnson –
5 5500 HAMANAKA 40 (S) J Love 5-10-6 ... Mr S Love 98
6 0PU3 DUTCH BLUES 7 (S) Mrs S Austin 7-10-0 ... D Wilkinson 96
7 -F00 MAC RAMBLER 13 N Bycroft 7-10-0 ... N Williamson –
8 0P00 EMPEROR ALEXANDER 40 J Barclay 6-10-0 ... S Turner –
9 -P00 TAUVALERA 19 D Swindlehurst 7-10-0 ... B Storey –

7-4 Flash Of Realm, 5-2 A Gentleman Two, 4-1 Night Of Madness, 6-1 Dutch Blues, 10-1 Hamanaka, 14-1 Mac Rambler, 16-1 others.

2.50 STANWIX HANDICAP CHASE (£3,655: 3m) (8)

1 -463 HOTPLATE 40 (C,G,S) G Richards 11-11-10 ... N Doughty 81
2 3222 RUN PET RUN 27 (C,BF,G,S) P Monteith 9-11-5 ... A Dobbin 85
3 P6P5 BOREEN OWEN 7 (CD,G,S) J J O'Neill 10-10-13 ... A Roche (5) 88
4 3213 ISLAND GALE 11 (BF,S) D McCune 9-10-10 ... A Thornton (3) 90
5 B485 CAROUSEL ROCKET 10 (CD,F,G,S) M Hammond 11-10-3 ... D Bentley (5) 89
6 00F4 FAST CRUISE 15 (D,G,S) E Owen jun 9-10-2 ... N Williamson 83
7 3012 VIVA BELLA 15 (B,C,S) Mrs S Bramall 7-10-2 ... Mr D Parker (7)
8 0P64 BUCKLE IT UP 19 (D,S) A Mactaggart 9-10-0 ... Mr D Mactaggart 87

5-2 Viva Bella, 7-2 Island Gale, 5-1 Run Pet Run, 7-1 Carousel Rocket, 8-1 Hotplate, 12-1 Boreen Owen, Fast Cruise, 20-1 Buckle It Up

☐ Willie Jarvis, the trainer of leading 2,000 Guineas fancy Grand Lodge, has his first runner over jumps today when Wot No Perks tackles the Ryton Novices' Hurdle at Warwick.

3.20 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,110: 2m 4f 110yd) (17)

1 0110 IVY HOUSE 24 (S) J J O'Neill 6-11-10 ... M Dwyer
2 5512 NORTHERN SQUIRE 17 (CD,BF,S) J Jefferson 6-11-5 ... P Williams (5) 94
3 CLARET AND GOLD J Eyre 7-11-0 ... A Mulholland –
4 0-00 CROFTON LAKE 36 J Dixon 6-11-0 ... L O'Hara –
5 00 D'ARBLAY STREET 12 W Kemp 5-11-0 ... S McDougall (7) –
6 50 LAST REFUGE 10 T Carr 5-11-0 ... N Williamson 81
7 PP LOMOND SPRINGS 19 J Barclay 5-11-0 ... S Turner –
8 P2F2 OVER THE ODDS 13 (BF) J Wade 5-11-0 ... D Ryan (7) 82
9 0 PETER 10 D Whillans 6-11-0 ... M Moloney –
10 P0 RUSTY BLADE 40 S Leadbetter 5-11-0 ... R Hodge –
11 5 STOP THE WALLER 19 M Barnes 5-11-0 ... A Dobbin –
12 30-0 WHITE DIAMOND 7 (F) Mrs A Swinbank 6-11-0 ... J Railton –
13 0- COMPANY SECRETARY 302 T Dyer 6-10-9 ... A Linton (7) –
14 0P- CROSS REFERENCE 334 W Reed 6-10-9 ... T Reed –
15 -004 JOYFUL IMP 111 J Dixon 7-10-9 ... Mr R Hale 77
16 0-P0 LADYSBELOU 32 Mrs A Hamilton 6-10-9 ... Miss P Robson –
17 0-00 SHATRAVIV 25 J Charlton 6-10-9 ... B Storey –

4-5 Ivy House, 4-1 Northern Squire, 7-1 Over The Odds, 12-1 Stop The Waller, Joyful Imp, 14-1 Last Refuge, 16-1 others.

3.50 KINGMOOR HANDICAP CHASE (£3,623: 2m) (6)

1 RU4- MACKINNON 297 (D,G) G Richards 9-11-10 ... M Moloney 84
2 2123 DOLIKOS 39 (CD,S) T Caldwell 7-11-8 ... M Dwyer
3 03P- BLACK SPUR 283 (CD,F,G,S) J Charlton 12-11-8 ... B Storey 90
4 2034 ON THE HOOCH 19 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 9-11-2 ... Mr J Bradburne 98
5 4F21 PRECIPICE RUN 10 (D,G,S) G Richards 9-10-8 ... N Doughty 90
6 232F ZARBANO 10 B Mactaggart 8-10-0 ... A Merrigan 91

7-4 Precipice Run, 11-4 Dolikos, 9-2 On The Hooch, 7-1 Mackinnon, 8-1 Zarbano, 12-1 Black Spur

4.20 HETHERSGILL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,469: 3m 110yd) (12)

1 -522 FURRY BABY 17 (D,G,S) M Avison 7-11-10 ... F Leahy (5) 91
2 5-00 FORWARD GLEN 19 (F) P Cheesbrough 7-11-10 ... A Thornton –
3 -226 SANSOOL 15 (D,BF,S) A Whillans 8-11-6 ... P McLoughlin
4 343- GYMCRAK GAMBLE 253 (F) T Dyer 6-11-1 ... A Linton (5) 89
5 6420 DANCING DOVE 62 (G) G Richards 6-11-0 ... B Harding (3) 84
6 1-06 SURCOAT GREEN 81 (G,S) P Beaumont 9-10-10 ... B Grattan (7) 93
7 1043 INTEGRITY BOY 17 (B,F,G,S) R O'Leary 7-10-8 ... K Davies (5) 92
8 -355 BARNEY RUBBLE 15 (G) D Whillans 9-10-7 ... P Williams 80
9 -500 BADASTAN 17 (G) T Tate 5-10-5 ... W Fry (3) 95
10 2250 MAKE ME PROUD 17 (C,F) W Bentley 5-10-4 ... F Perratt 92
11 -504 MISS CAPULET 17 (B,D,G,S) T Donnelly 7-10-1 ... T Eley 88
12 -056 MR FENWICK 17 (D,F,G,S) J Eyre 10-10-0 ... S Lyons 82

7-2 Furry Baby, 9-2 Integrity Boy, 5-1 Dancing Dove, 6-1 Sansool, 8-1 Make Me Proud, 10-1 Gymcrak Gamble, 12-1 Miss Capulet, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Bentley, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; J Jefferson, 8 from 34, 23.5%; T Tate, 3 from 16, 18.8%; M Hammond, 15 from 83, 18.1%; G Richards, 32 from 180, 17.8%; W Storey, 6 from 36, 16.7%; Mrs S Bradburne, 4 from 28, 14.3%; J J O'Neill, 16 from 114, 14.0%; J Charlton, 8 from 59, 13.6%.

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 4 winners from 13 rides, 30.8%; N Doughty, 26 from 98, 26.5%; S Lyons, 5 from 24, 20.8%; L Wyer, 8 from 43, 18.6%; M Dwyer, 15 from 81, 18.5%; D Bentley, 6 from 36, 16.7%; P Williams, 5 from 32, 15.6%; A Dobbin, 6 from 39, 15.4%

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

2.10 Level Sands. 2.40 Soba Guest. 3.10 Speedy Classic. 3.40 Exhibit Air. 4.10 Danielle Habibi. 4.40 One Off The Rail.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 NECTARINE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,290: 7f) (8 runners)

1 036- CURTIS THE FIRST 166 M Dixon 9-0 ... A Clark 3
2 30-4 DOME PATROL 17 W Muir 9-0 ... Kim McDonnell 2
3 2- LEVEL SANDS 228 M Prescott 9-0 ... C Nutter 5
4 2-3 SAW MILL 38 (BF) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 ... L Dettori 1
5 05- SHARP SPRING 187 J White 9-0 ... Dale Gibson 4
6 0 ETHEL EMMA 15 B Meehan 8-9 ... B Doyle (3) 6
7 LA PETITE FUSEE R O'Sullivan 8-9 ... D Biggs 8
8 0-05 LITTLEMISSMISCHIEF 10 Allan Smith (Bell) 8-9 ... M Hills 7

7-4 Dome Patrol, 9-4 Level Sands, 4-1 Saw Mill, 8-1 Curtis The First, 10-1 Sharp Spring, 16-1 others

2.40 DAMSON SELLING STAKES (£2,511: 6f) (8)

1 -233 ASSIGNMENT 15 (CD,BF,F,G) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-9-7 ... T Williams 2
2 -011 RESPECTABLE JONES 7 (CD,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 8-9-7 ... Paul Eddery 7
3 0016/ GALAXY EXPRESS 495 (C,F,G) G Eden 6-9-0 ... J Weaver 6
4 20/0-0 LIFT BOY 17 (D,F) A Moore 5-9-0 ... L Dettori 3
5 0-24 SOBA GUEST 8 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 5-9-0 ... J Carroll 4
6 03-4 SUPER BENZ 17 (D,F,G,S) B Beasley 8-9-0 ... J Williams 1
7 026-3 BATTLING BELLA 17 (D) G Moore 5-8-9 ... A Morris 8
8 400- DAL MISS 42 (B) R Peacock 7-8-9 ... N Adams 5

9-4 Soba Guest, 11-4 Respectable Jones, 7-2 Assignment, 6-1 Super Benz, 8-1 Battling Bella, 12-1 Lift Boy, 20-1 others.

3.10 GREENGAGE HANDICAP (£3,202: 6f) (8)

1 0-04 AUGHFAD 10 (V,D,F,G,S) T Casey 8-9-13 ... L Dettori 5
2 -240 PETRACO 17 (D,G,S) N Smith 6-9-11 ... S D Williams 4
3 2-31 RED ADMIRAL 8 (D,G) P Haslam 4-9-6 (7ex) ... J Quinn 3
4 00-6 CHRISTIAN SPIRIT 7 (C,G) J Long 4-9-3 ... D Holland 7
5 14-2 WORLD TRAVELLER 10 (B,CD,G) W O'Gorman 5-9-2 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 6
6 3-12 SPEEDY CLASSIC 14 (B,CD,G) M Heaton-Ellis 5-8-7 ... Stephen Davies (3) 8
7 -221 THORNY BISHOP 17 (CD,G) J Bridger 3-8-6 ... T Williams 1
8 0004 LITTLE MISS RIBOT 7 R O'Sullivan 4-7-8 ... D Wright (5) 2

3-1 Speedy Classic, 7-2 World Traveller, 5-1 Red Admiral, 6-1 Thorny Bishop, 7-1 Aughfad, 10-1 Petraco, 12-1 Little Miss Ribot, 20-1 Christian Spirit

3.40 BERENSONS SOLICITORS CLAIMING STAKES (£2,899: 1m 2f) (12)

1 -131 AWESOME POWER 10 (CD,G) J Hills 8-9-3 ... A Clark 6
2 /60 COME ON DANCER 7 J White 6-9-3 ... J Williams 4
3 4-22 PERFAY 14 (CD,BF,G,S) D Wilson 6-9-1 ... L Dettori 2
4 50-0 GOLD BLADE 21 (CD,F,G) N Graham 5-8-13 ... J Weaver 8
5 00-5 STORM FREE 17 (CD,G) L Cottrell 8-8-13 ... D Holland 7
6 05 WHITELOCK QUEST 7 J Spearing 6-8-13 ... Paul Eddery 9
7 -542 CASTLE BIDDER 10 (V,G) Allan Smith (Bell) 5-8-11 ... M Hills 12
8 1/00- MANAARAH 78 (D,F) Pat Mitchell 4-8-11 ... J Quinn 3
9 -410 EXHIBIT AIR 4 (CD,F,G) R Hannon 4-8-10 ... D O'Neill (7) 5
10 0-03 GALLOP TO GLORY 10 S Dow 4-8-9 ... N Adams 1
11 0-50 MARK'S CLUB 7 (C,G) R O'Sullivan 4-8-5 ... D Wright (5) 10
12 0-04 HERETICAL MISS 24 J Ffitch-Heyes 4-8-0 ... T Williams 11

3-1 Perfay, 4-1 Awesome Power, 5-1 Exhibit Air, 7-1 Heretical Miss, 8-1 Castle Bidder, 10-1 Gallop To Glory, 12-1 Mark's Club, 14-1 others.

4.10 PEACH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,769: 1m) (6)

1 10-1 HERR TRIGGER 14 (B,CD,G) J Scargill 9-7 ... K Rutter (5) 1
2 0-62 BALMAHA 15 W Haggas 8-6 ... J Williams 2
3 0-32 CHANTELYS 10 M Ryan 8-5 ... P McCabe (5) 3
4 00-3 A SUITABLE GIRL 14 G Eden 8-2 ... J Weaver 6
5 02-4 DANIELLE HABIBI 28 C C Elsey 7-13 ... D Biggs 4
6 6-60 CLASSICAL 21 G L Moore 7-8 ... N Adams 5

5-2 Chantelys, 3-1 Herr Trigger, 4-1 Balmaha, 5-1 Danielle Habibi, 7-1 A Suitable Girl, 10-1 Classical

4.40 CHERRY HANDICAP (£2,821: 1m 4f) (8)

1 05-0 ONE OFF THE RAIL 35 (CD,G) A Moore 4-10-0 ... Paul Eddery 3
2 06-5 OUR EDDIE 10 B Gubby 5-9-1 ... B Russell (5) 7
3 115- LEGAL ARTIST 132J (F,G) N Graham 4-8-10 ... J Weaver 1
4 -452 ROUSITTO 4 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 6-8-8 ... L Dettori 5
5 020- MODESTO 191 (CD,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 6-8-8 ... D Holland 6
6 00-4 MIGHTY WRATH 14 R O'Sullivan 4-8-4 ... D Biggs 4
7 0-00 RACHELLY 10 C Wildman 4-7-8 ... N Adams 8
8 0-04 RUBY COOPER 24 (G) P Howling 4-7-7 ... J Quinn 2

11-4 Rousitto, 7-2 Legal Artist, 5-1 One Off The Rail, Our Eddie, 7-1 Mighty Wrath, 8-1 Modesto, 12-1 Ruby Cooper, 20-1 Rachelly.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Hollinshead, 16 winners from 62 runners, 25.8%; J Berry, 15 from 60, 25.0%; B Beasley, 3 from 12, 25.0%; W O'Gorman, 34 from 156, 21.8%; Lord Huntingdon, 19 from 87, 21.8%; M Prescott, 17 from 83, 20.5%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 35 winners from 99 rides, 35.4%; Emma O'Gorman, 36 from 159, 22.6%; K Rutter, 11 from 53, 20.8%; J Weaver, 9 from 47, 19.1%; J Carroll, 3 from 18, 16.7%; M Hills, 28 from 174, 16.1%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: There are no horses blinkered or visored for the first time at Lingfield Park today.

England wait to engage real enemy



Alan Lee reports on how the West Indies continue to plot well away from prying eyes

SO FAR, this Caribbean tour has been an ice cream war. For more than three weeks, the England party has camped in paradise beach resorts and engaged in well-intentioned but scarcely relevant preliminaries while the real enemy has lurked out of sight, watching and waiting.

In 11 days of competitive cricket, England have not met one opponent likely to feature in the international games, which begin here next Wednesday. This was not their choice, and they can do no more than win against the opposition offered, but there is a cautious, unspoken awareness that they have beaten nothing of note yet.

Locally, these phoney exercises have begun to attract resentment. Antiguans are passionately proud of their Test cricketers and there was a widespread expression of dismay that their only glimpse of them, while a depleted Leeward Islands team was being beaten, came on Saturday when Curtly Ambrose and Winston Benjamin joined the throng dancing to deafening reggae music in the St John's ground's village of homespun refreshment shacks.

The locals believe the touring team has had it too easy, although one or two of the England batsmen will beg to differ. Matthew Maynard and Nasser Hussain have still not made a score of substance and Keith Fletcher, the team manager, admitted yesterday: "There are always one or two who miss out early on and then it becomes harder for them. No matter how long you have at the start of a tour, it is never quite long enough to achieve your ideals."

The tour will engage second gear for the four-day game against Barbados, which starts on Thursday. Desmond Haynes has no plans to play but the island attack will include four fast bowlers on the fringe of the Test side, including Andy Cummins, also of Durham, and Ottis Gibson, soon to be of Glamorgan.

Gibson took five cheap wickets against Trinidad last week and is also a ferocious hitter in the lower order. He is a candidate for the limited-overs side and it is likely that David Holford, the West Indies chairman of selectors, will learn more this week than he did while sitting through the match in Antigua.

Holford, however, is going through the motions. There is no expectation of anything unfamiliar in the teams he will name for the first Test and one-day matches. The key men are in form, none more so than Brian Lara, whose double century against Barbados at the weekend set a Red Stripe Cup record of 715 runs in a season.

The vulnerable positions are those occupied at present by Phil Simmons, Junior Murray and Kenny Benjamin. Simmons's technique is ill-suited to opening and he has not been helped by a recent finger injury. Murray is a stop-gap as wicketkeeper and Benjamin is the junior fast bowler, susceptible to challenges from the likes of Gibson, Vasbert Drakes, his fellow Barbadian, or Franklyn Rose, of Jamaica.

There is even a call, not least from Sir Garfield Sobers, for West Indies to temper their dependence on pace. Sobers, recently elected to the West Indies board, explained: "I hear it said that we don't have any spinners around worthy of their place but they can't prove themselves unless they have the opportunity. It may be time to give spin the chance it hasn't had for so long."

Four years ago, Robert Haynes, a talented, leg-spinning all-rounder, was the coming man, confidently tipped to bewitch England. Instead, the series contained not a single over of spin and Haynes disappeared without trace.

England are far more likely to include a slow bowler when it matters. Nothing that has happened to date has discouraged that belief, nor the associated conviction that Jack Russell should keep wicket. However, as Alec Stewart is sure to do the job in one-day games, it would be sensible for them to share the gloves during the Barbados match.

More immediately, Andy Caddick is to have his sore right shin scanned in a Bridgetown hospital this morning. If the feared stress fracture is confirmed, his tour, begun with such poise and assertiveness, will be over. "They say we all have to suffer some pain to get anywhere in this life," he said yesterday. "I just wish it wasn't me just now."

MARC ASPLAND



David Johnson, secretary of the World Bowls Board, holds up the Master Bowl, which sits in state at the WBB headquarters at Worthing

Charges of bias divide the world of bowls

David Rhys Jones reports on a new dispute that threatens to have far-reaching effects

A question of bias has arisen in the world of bowls. In Australia, British manufacturers have been accused of producing bowls that are illegal before they come out of the box. Bias, a common complaint in sport, is at the centre of the problem. Not that there is too much of it; rather that there is too little. In the bowls themselves.

Out of 56 sets of bowls tested before the Australian championships in November, 20 failed to meet the standard of the Master Bowl, which sits in state at the headquarters of the World Bowls Board (WBB) in Worthing.

The Master Bowl is not the ideal bowl. It merely sets a standard. In fact, it falls down on the very quality that encapsulates the essence of the sport. It is short on bias. No bowl is allowed to be straighter. Every bowl must bend as it rolls as much as — if not more than — the Master.

Indeed, while the Master Bowl remains in Worthing, slave copies, called Standard Bowls, are used to test all bowls rolling off the production line all over the world before they can receive the WBB stamp of approval.

The skill — indeed the beauty — of the game lies in the swing. There is an aesthetic pleasure in watching a bowl curve to its resting place near the jack. It is neither a flick of the wrist that makes the bowl curve nor the insertion of a weight, but merely the asymmetrical shape of the bowl itself.

"Bowls is all about bias, and narrow running bowls are spoiling the game," players often say — but most will nevertheless purchase a set of minimum bias bowls to give themselves an equal chance. It is, after all, easier to judge a line to the jack if it is drawn in a shallow curve than if the arc is exaggerated.

Manufacturers report a huge demand for straighter bowls, and are making them much closer to the legal limit than ever before. Bowls cost up to £140 per set of four, however, and, although customers ask for bowls of minimum bias, they do not want them to be ruled illegal.

It is ironic that sniping at British bowls should come from Australia. The game was born in Britain. Think of Sir Francis Drake, and Dr W. G. Grace, who founded the English Bowling Association in 1903. Standards were set here, and even the Master Bowl, which has undergone subtle changes in definition over the years, has always been produced by Thomas Taylor, a Glasgow firm founded in 1796.

Bruce Hensell, the managing director of the Melbourne firm that pioneered the making of composition (heavy density plastic) woods, revolutionising bowls manufacture in the 1930s, suggests that imported (ie British) bowls do not bend enough.

He claims to have tested 32 sets of bowls before a recent inter-state match between Victoria and South Australia. "Around half the bowls we tested were imported, and about half of those failed the test," he said. "We have also tested newly imported bowls taken out of the box at various retail outlets, and found them to be illegal."

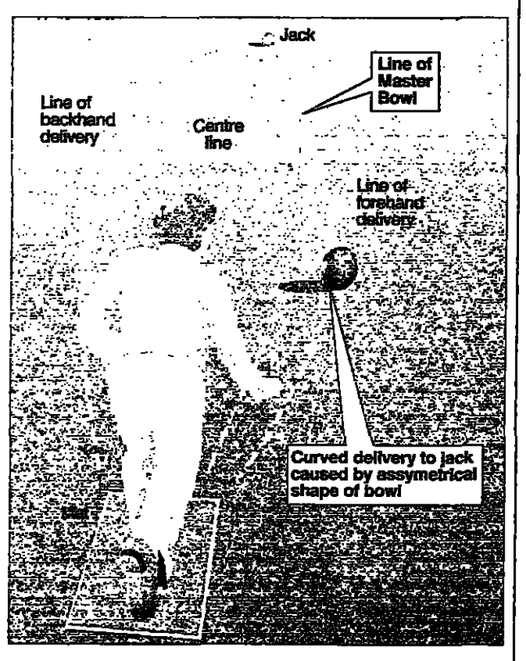
Understandably, British manufacturers, who are making inroads in the Australian market — Drakes Pride (Liverpool) claim a 12 per cent share, Thomas Taylor a further five per cent — strenuously deny the charge. They point to differences in testing conditions as a possible explanation for their bowls' performance in Australia.

"British bowls describe a gradual curve, the shape of a banana," Peter Clare, of Drakes Pride, explained. "Australian bowls tend to run straight but hook sharply at the finish. The end result is the same but, on some test tables, they can appear to behave differently."

To add to the confusion, a Standard Bowl, supposedly a replica of the Master and in the custody of Fred Ferns Bowls Centre in Woollongabba, Queensland, was found to be out of kilter with the Master Bowl when it was tested last October by the WBB secretary, David Johnson.

Nobody has been able to explain what was wrong. It was replaced immediately, but the WBB is taking the issue seriously. Johnson confirmed last month that all the Standard Bowls used by official testers — six in England, three in Scotland, and two in Australia — have been checked and are beyond reproach.

"We are in the process of calling in others which are in the possession of national associations and Australian state authorities, and are meeting with the manufacturers at Preston in March during the world indoor championships," he said yesterday. It could be a stormy meeting.



A SHORT HISTORY OF THE BOWL

WOODS used to be made of wood: *lignum vitae* (the wood of life) from the West Indies, the heaviest (densest) wood in the world. Now they are made of a composition based on a phenol formaldehyde powder. More stable, of course, but less romantic than wood. Bowls come in a range of sizes, from 4 9/16 inches (116mm) to 5⅛ inches (131mm) in diameter. There is no longer any weight restriction.

A legend suggests it was the Duke of Suffolk, Charles Brandon, who "discovered" bias during a high society game of bowls at Goole, Yorkshire, in 1522, when someone put up a fast one and cracked a bowl. The Duke ran indoors to the grand hall, sawed off the round end of a bannister and the game continued.

It is more likely that the first biased bowls were the "half bowls", used to play a kind of skittles in the 15th century, and described by Fitzstephen in 1477 as a "perfect hemisphere". Robert Recorde, a mathematician, declared in 1556 that "a little altering of the one side maketh the bowl to run bias-wise", and William Shakespeare used the path of the biased bowl as a metaphor for life. In *Richard II*, act III, scene IV, the Queen reacts wearily to an invitation to play bowls in the Duke of York's garden. "'Twill make me think the world is full of rubs and that my fortune runs against the bias," she says.

Kerrigan case puts spotlight on Olympic security

BY NICHOLAS GEORGE

ALMOST one third of the Norwegian police force, 40 kilometres of security fencing and a unique computer system are among the measures being employed to protect competitors and VIPs at the Winter Olympics Games, which begin in Lillehammer on Saturday.

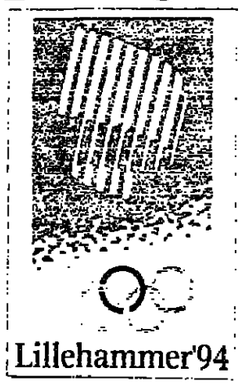
The attack on Nancy Kerrigan, the American skater, may have surprised those who regarded winter sports as a gentle backwater, but in Norway it has helped to justify the large-scale security operation around Lillehammer's Olympic venues, where policing costs alone are set at around £30 million.

Already, residents in the picturesque valley that surrounds the town have become used to the sight of sniffer dogs on the mountainsides, with police strengths in the area increasing from a normal 80 officers to almost 3,000. Certainly, there is no difficulty in drawing up a credible list of those who may wish to disrupt the Games, ranging from individual fanatics to environmentalists angered by Norway's resumption of commercial whaling.

In many European countries, successful winter sports participants can rank alongside football players and track athletes in star status and, in the case of figure skating and some Alpine skiing events, Olympic gold medals can be converted into substantial amounts in advertising and appearance fees.

Odd Ustad, a spokesman for the Lillehammer Olympic Committee (LOC), said the Kerrigan incident, in which the skater was struck on her right knee by an attacker, underlined that the "strict precautions we have planned will be needed".

According to chief inspector Paul Fivel, LOC's security manager, these involved the committee providing a security staff of 1,500 people aided by 300 closed-circuit television cameras and 600 automatic alarm systems.



All the venues have been divided into zones, which will prevent spectators, competitors, journalists and site workers from mixing.

However, the dilemma for the Norwegians has been how to protect competitors while allowing spectators proper access to what the nation expects to be a festival of sport. Fivel says organisers were determined not to place competitors in a cage. In most cases, wire fencing has been avoided, replaced by what Fivel calls "smooth fencing", made of wood and painted in suitable colours. From early on in the Games' planning, the exact positioning and height of these barriers was considered with spectators in mind.

Top of the list of threats remains Middle Eastern terrorist groups, especially following Norway's role in brokering the peace settlement between Israel and the Palestinians. Indeed, a twist of history links Lillehammer with the murders of 11 Israeli athletes at the Games in Munich in the summer of 1972. In 1973, an Israeli hit squad shot dead a Moroccan waiter in Lillehammer, mistaking him for one of the guerrillas involved in the Munich massacre.

For the Games, Norway's police force has been equipped with a new communications system and computers that automatically check through all Norwegian police files whenever a name is entered. Police cars have been fitted with a satellite tracking system that allows officers to pinpoint the location of vehicles throughout the area.

An air traffic control zone has been put in place above Lillehammer to stop the show-stealing antics of paragliders such as James "Fan Man" Miller. Miller, who yesterday appeared in court accused of landing on Buckingham Palace, had previously interrupted the Evander Holyfield v Riddick Bowe world heavyweight title bout in Las Vegas by floating into the open-air arena.

The Norwegian authorities have also set up a special anti-terrorist squad to protect visiting VIPs. Yet, for all the security, Fivel accepts that no system is foolproof. "You can never been 100 per cent sure . . . maybe the competitor's trainer will be the attacker," he said.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Webster selected for Wales squad

RICHARD Webster, who has yet to complete a full senior rugby league match since turning professional with Salford five months ago, was included yesterday in the Wales training squad for the international against France next month (Christopher Irvine writes). He is one of three newcomers in the squad of 21 which holds out hope for the future of the Wales team, just as age was catching up with some of the players.

Daio Powell, of Bradford Northern, and Mark Perrett, of Halifax, both Great Britain under-21 internationals, who qualify by Welsh parentage, are real bonuses, particularly as they have opted to play for Wales instead of England in the Centenary World Cup next year.

WALES SQUAD: A Bateman (Warrington), G Cordle (Bradford Northern), J Davies (Warrington, captain), J Devereux (Widnes), K Ellis (Warrington), P Ford (Salford), J Griffiths (St Helens), A Hadley (Widnes), I Harris (Warrington), M Jones (Hull), I Marlow (Wakefield Trinity), P Moriarty (Widnes), G Pearce (Ryedale-York), M Perrett (Halifax), R Phillips (Warrington), D Powell (Bradford Northern), A Sullivan (St Helens), R Webster (Salford), B Williams (Carlisle), P Williams (Salford), D Young (Salford).

Douglas earns recall

TABLE TENNIS: Desmond Douglas, 38, yesterday became the oldest player to be included in an England squad when he was selected for the European championships in Birmingham next month. Douglas, English champion a record 11 times, retired from international competition four years ago but is unbeaten in the British league this season and has climbed to No 2 in the English rankings.

Douglas gained the sixth and last place behind Chen Xinhua, Carl Prean, Matthew Syed, Alan Cooke and Andrew Eden. The women's squad comprises Lisa Lomas, Andrea Holt, Alison Gordon, Kate Goodall, Nicola Deaton and Sally Marling.

Prize-money rises

GOLF: Prize-money at the Open Championship this year has been raised by £100,000 more than in 1993 to a record level, £1.1 million. The first prize of £110,000 and second prize of £88,000 show increases of ten per cent.

☐ George McGregor has been reappointed non-playing captain of the Great Britain and Ireland team in the St Andrews Trophy at Chantilly on June 24 and 25, the EGA Trophy at Golf De Pan, Holland, on August 5 and 6 and the Eisenhower Trophy at Le Golf National and La Boulie, Versailles, from October 6 to 9.

Albania first and last

FOOTBALL: Wales will begin and end their 1996 European championship qualifying campaign with matches against Albania, a country they have never played. Their pivotal fixtures in group seven come in the five months from December this year, when they meet Bulgaria, the third seeds, in successive matches before taking on Germany, the world champions.

WALES SCHEDULE: September 7, 1994: Albania (h). October 12: Moldavia (a) November 16: Georgia (a). December 14: Bulgaria (h). March 28, 1995: Bulgaria (a) April 26: Germany (a). June 7: Georgia (h). September 6: Moldavia (h). October 11: Germany (h). November 15: Albania (a).

Final appearance

REAL TENNIS: Sheila McIntosh, the former England squash captain, and Thane Warburg reached the final of the George Wimpey British mixed doubles championship, putting out the powerful partnership of Mandy Happell, the Holyport professional, and Marcus Ward 8-5. McIntosh and Warburg played intelligent tactical tennis, taking the pace off their hard-hitting opponents' most powerful shots, and now meet Melissa Briggs and Jerome Fletcher, who put out last year's winner, Margaret Allen, and her new partner, Barry Clive.

Aldershot home again

FOOTBALL: Aldershot Town were given their sixth home tie — out of seven — when paired at home against Atherton Laburnam Rovers, leaders of the Bass North-West Counties League, in the draw for the quarter-finals of the FA Vase yesterday. Aldershot's Diadora League second division rivals, Newbury Town, must travel to Taunton Town. Tiverton Town, last season's beaten Vase finalists, must travel to Norfolk to play Diss Town.

DRAW: Aldershot Town v Atherton LR; Arlesey Town v Boston; Diss Town v Tiverton Town; Taunton Town v Newbury Town. *Ties to be played on February 26*

Yorkshire profit

CRICKET: Yorkshire yesterday reported a record profit of £287,679 for last year, but have reduced that figure by investing £134,000 to convert former dressing-rooms into a sponsors' area at Headingley. Club membership increased to 8,259 with subscriptions raising £340,851, but the main source of income was £698,042 from the Test and County Cricket Board. Nottinghamshire announced a record profit of £120,445 for 1993, reaping the benefits of an Australian summer. Trent Bridge staged one Test, helping the club to increase its income by more than £250,000.

Hebert propels NFC

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Bobby Hebert completed a scoring pass and led the National Conference (NFC) past the American Conference 17-3 in Honolulu on Sunday in the Pro Bowl, the last game of the National Football League season. Hebert, of Atlanta, replaced the injured Phil Simms, of the New York Giants, and Troy Aikman, who led Dallas to victory in the Super Bowl nine days ago. Aikman, concussed in the NFC final against San Francisco, is suffering from double vision and injuries to his knees, elbow, back and shoulder but will not require surgery.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Igls	0	75	good	varied	closed	snow	4	31/1
(Excellent skiing on upper slopes)								
Obergurgl	100	145	good	powder	good	fine	-1	7/2
(Excellent skiing after overnight snow)								
Schladming	40	150	good	heavy	slush	fine	11	31/1
(Good snow but warm weather bringing heavy conditions)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	130	220	good	varied	good	fine	-4	26/1
(Superb snow on upper slopes)								
Chamonix	50	360	good	varied	fair	fair	3	28/1
(Hard-packed snow on piste holding up well)								
La Plagne	145	300	good	crust	good	fine	2	28/1
(Excellent skiing under sunny skies)								
Tignes	160	290	good	powder	good	fine	-8	5/2
(Excellent skiing on and off piste)								
Val Thorens	140	300	good	varied	good	fine	-1	28/1
(Good skiing on all pistes though becoming icy)								
ITALY								
Cortina	25	130	good	powder	good	sunny	2	6/2
(Good skiing on all pistes after fresh snow)								
Cormayeur	120	230	good	varied	closed	sun	0	4/2
(Recent fresh snow giving good skiing)								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	85	100	good	crust	good	snow	0	7/2
(Fresh snow on hard base giving improving piste skiing)								
Grindelwald	5	100	fair	crust	wom	fog	2	29/1
(Good snow cover still maintained on upper slopes)								
Mürren	40	130	good	varied	fair	fog	-1	6/2
(Tricky skiing below 2,500 metres because of fog)								
Villars	30	160	fair	varied	poor	fog	3	28/1
(Low cloud mars good skiing above 1,500 metres)								
Wengen	20	80	fair	varied	wom	fog	3	26/1
(Upper runs in good condition but worn lower down)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (28243)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (54567601)
9.05 Kilroy. Studio discussion on a topical subject (7139953) **9.45 Newshound**. Current affairs quiz (s) (5872137)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9807408) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (3360243)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (38056311)
12.15 Pebble Mill with Judi Spiers (s) (2661840) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (55151408)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (22408) **1.30 Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (49146156)
1.50 The Great British Quiz. General knowledge quiz (s) (49140972)
2.15 Snooker. Action from the Masters at Wembley Conference Centre (s) (860040)
3.50 Teddy Trucks (2353885) **3.55 Sick as a Parrot** (s) (9393205) **4.10 Jackanory** (7417330) **4.25 SuperTed** (r) (6433066) **4.35 Hangar 17** (Ceefax) (s) (6043224)
5.00 Newsround (8309205) **5.10 Grange Hill** (r). (Ceefax) (2372021)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (645934) **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Mike Smartt. (Ceefax) Weather (663)
6.30 Regional news magazines (243)

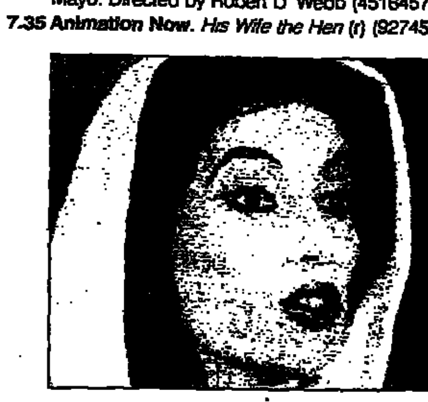


Maureen Lipman visits Las Vegas (7.00pm)

7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando visits Grenada; Maureen Lipman travels to the unlikely family resort of Las Vegas; Eamonn Holmes reports from Nerja on the Costa del Sol; and Paul Gogarty is in St Moritz to compile a good ski guide. (Ceefax) (s) (7663)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (427)
8.00 How Do They Do That? Desmond Lynam and Jenny Hull take a look behind the scenes of television stunts (s) (739205)
8.45 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (293601)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news, weather (8514)
9.30 All Quiet on the Preston Front. The last episode of Tim Firth's comedy drama following the fortunes of two Lancashire lads in the Territorial Army. (Ceefax) (s) **Wales:** Week In Week Out 10.00 All Quiet on the Preston Front 10.50 Living with the Enemy 11.20 FILM: Bay Boy 12.55-1.55 Snooker
10.20 CHOICE **Living with the Enemy: Back to the Future** (499224)
10.50 FILM: Bay Boy (1984). Kiefer Sutherland stars as a teenager set to enter the priesthood. However, when he witnesses a murder he is torn between his duty to God and loyalty to his friends. With Liv Ullmann. Directed by Daniel Petrie. (Ceefax) (18237886)
12.30am Snooker. Dougie Donnelly introduces coverage of the Masters from Wembley Conference Centre (s) (79151) **1.30 Weather** (3489286)
2.45-3.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (65373) **3.15** Legal Network Television (62286)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Climates of Opinion Global Warming (7114021) 7.35 Science and Everyday Life (8555088)
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (2498137)
8.15 Westminster Daily. A report on yesterday's proceedings at the Houses of Parliament (7460205)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Bump (58369972) **1.25** Just So Stories (25509972) **1.35-1.40** Rupert the Bear (90804330)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (11581934) **2.15 Made by Man**. The techniques involved in making baskets (r) (18004427) **2.30 See Hear!** With signing and subtitles (r) (576)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live** presented by John Cole and Iain Macwhirter. (Ceefax) (5126040) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) Weather; regional news and weather (7823576)
4.00 Snooker. The Benson and Hedges Masters from Wembley Conference Centre. Dougie Donnelly introduces action from the concluding frames of this afternoon's match between Steve James and Terry Griffiths as they battle for a place in the quarter-finals (s) (7040)
6.00 FILM: The Proud Ones (1956). Western starring Robert Ryan as a marshal who cleans up a crooked town depite the hazards of his own physical disability and a deputy who hates him. With Virginia Mayo. Directed by Robert D Webb (45164576)
7.35 Animation Now. *His Wife the Hen* (r) (927458)



Benazir Bhutto on politics and family (7.45pm)

7.45 Assignment: Dynasty. Benazir Bhutto tells Peter Godwin of the bitter family feud that threatens to split her party and to destroy the Bhutto dynasty (507408)
8.30 Food and Drink presented by Chris Kelly, Michael Barry and Jilly Goolden. Three top London chefs continue their troop-feeding efforts on Salisbury Plain; and how to use the cooking apple (s) (3088)
9.00 Quantum Leap: A Tale of Two Sweeties. American time-travel series. Sam finds himself in the body of a man with two families. (Ceefax) (s) (478243)
9.50 CHOICE **40 Minutes: Spent Forces** (Ceefax) (s) (324224)
10.30 Newsnight with Kirsty Wark. (Ceefax) (544311)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts magazine programme (s) (154840) **11.55 Weather** (859750)
12.00-1.35am Open University: Scaling the Salt Barrier (837809)
2.00-4.00 Night School: Search Out Science (48373)

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CHOICE

Network First: Nightfighters
ITV, 10.40pm

Young black Americans hoping to serve in their country's air force were told in unambiguous terms that flying planes was *something they could never hope to do*. Their brains were too small, they were mentally inferior and cowards in the dark. That was in the 1920s, but little had changed by the start of the Second World War. Eventually, when American bombers were running up huge losses, a black fighter group was formed for escort duties in the Mediterranean. It was a brilliant success but when the war ended the heroic black pilots returned unnoticed to resume their lives as second-class citizens. Built around first-hand accounts, Jeremy Bugler's sobering film exposes the depth of racism in the land of the free.

Undercover Britain: Preying on Hope
Channel 4, 9.00pm

An Aids victim, identified only as "Mark", equips himself with a hidden camera and goes on the trail of those who give false hope to the dying. The spread of Aids, it seems, has spawned an army of quacks and crooks ready to offer bogus cures at outrageous prices. By the time Mark has finished his tour of Harley Street and some less salubrious addresses, he has parted with nearly £2,000. *It is money down the drain*. According to independent experts none of the remedies *he has been given is likely to do him the slightest good*. Some may even do him harm. But the cruelty is *emotional* as well as financial, exploiting the desperation of the sick and vulnerable. It is another strong entry in a trenchant and revealing series.



Soldiers try their luck on civvy street (BBC2, 9.50pm)

40 Minutes: Spent Forces
BBC2, 9.50pm

The end of the Cold War will mean the shedding of 57,000 jobs in the British armed forces. Ian Levison's film focuses on four soldiers who have decided to look for a second career. *Perhaps unsurprisingly, their* success seems to go with rank. Major Charles *Blackmore of the Royal Greenjackets is bent* on a job in the city and has the accent and confidence to get one. *But for* Lois Burgoo, a corporal and black into the bargain, civvy street is unwelcoming. Determined not to become a driver or a security man, the lot of so many *ex-servicemen, Sergeant Major Terry Royce discovers* that beggars cannot be choosers. And Sergeant Kevin *Cole is forced to share a tiny house with his mother as* he combs the papers for likely jobs.

Living With the Enemy: Back to the Future
BBC1, 10.20pm (Scotland, Friday 10.50pm)

As a Punch and Judy man, John Tuck has given much pleasure to others but his own life has been notably short on laughs. As a boy he was humiliated by a stern *father. Nothing he could do was right. Lonely and* unhappy, he hid away in his bedroom. Now Tuck has a similarly strained relationship with his 14-year-old son, Mark. The programme reveals that parents who pass on their unhappy childhood experiences to their own children are by no means uncommon. The Tucks are not alone, but it must have taken courage for them *to come on television to talk about it. Although not* comfortable viewing, this continues to be a worthwhile series, dealing honestly and responsibly with the darker corners of family life. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (469663) **9.00 Top of the Morning** (8521953)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (8524040) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3346663)
10.00 The Time ... The Place (s) (2280663)
10.35 This Morning. *Weekday magazine programme* (38040750) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8930663)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (3074088) **12.55 Emmerdale** (r). (Teletext) (3059779)
1.25 Home and Away. Australian family drama (97755408) **1.55 It's a Vet's Life**. Gaynor Barnes visits Newmarket in Suffolk to meet some top class *racehorses (Teletext) (92895250)*
2.25 A Country Practice (s) (43883205) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (3366040)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (8138243) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8137514)
3.30 Rainbow (9318514) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (7854446) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (7843330) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (7428446) **4.15 Hurricanes** (s) (8986934) **4.40 The Tomorrow People** (Teletext) (2170156)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (5659717)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. *(Teletext)* and weather (926446)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (17427)
7.00 Emmerdale. *(Teletext) (2359)*
7.30 Beam and Da Silva. Roger Beam and Denise Da Silva investigate unscrupulous garage operators who deal with reconditioned engines (595)
8.00 The Bill: No Access. Sun Hill officers face a *dilemma when a boy goes missing. (Teletext) (8779)*
8.30 Special Babies. Following the work of the special care baby unit at Watford General Hospital. (Teletext) (s) (4494)
9.00 In Suspicious Circumstances. Two more *mysterious crimes. To Encourage the Others*: A teenage soldier is accused of desertion: *Have a Drink on Me*: On the eve of a major battle a group of soldiers have one drink too many. (Teletext) (s) (3175)
10.00 News at Ten with *Trevor McDonald (Teletext)* Weather (83972) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) *(858589)*



Young blacks reach for the skies (10.40pm)

10.40 CHOICE **Network First: Nightfighters** (Teletext) (941175)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (760682)
12.30am The Beat. Includes music from Eugenius (s) (85737)
1.30 FILM: Return Trip to Death (1985) A man discovers his wife has been leading a bizarre double life when she falls into a coma after a car accident. Directed by Hans-Jürgen Tögel. German film with English *dialogue* (35625)
3.30 America's Top Ten (s) (99408)
4.00 The Little Picture Show (r) (73267)
5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (43644)
5.30 ITN Morning News (33118). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (r) (6320576)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (45359)
9.00 Sabotage. Women-only quiz show (s) (600211)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! Discovering Japan (5860392) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (5898175) **10.00** Fourways Farm (9814798) **10.10** Living with Technology (4762885) **10.27** Timelines (9094021) **10.44** Living and Growing (1189088) **11.00** Science in Focus (7881381) **11.22** Stage One (7798224) **11.40** How We Used to Live (3858934)
12.00 House to House with Maya Even (80885)
12.30 Sesame Street. *The guest is actor Rick Moranis* (37408) **1.30 Alfred J. Kwak** Animated adventures of a musical duck (r) (99021)
2.00 FILM: Pigskin Parade (1936, b/w). Musical comedy featuring Judy Garland in her film debut. A *hillbilly becomes the unlikely hero of a college* football team. Directed by David Butler (501750)
3.40 Call Waiting. A woman awaits the result of a job interview (9396392)
3.55 A Brush with Art. Alwyn Crawshaw demonstrates how to combine pencil and paint (r). (Teletext) (6897040)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts the words and *numbers game show (Teletext) (s) (408)*
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. America's favourite agony aunt talks to teachers who feel they can no longer pursue their chosen profession because they are in fear of their lives. (Teletext) (s)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy. *Animated antics of the comic* couple (634069) **6.00 Batman**. The dynamic duo *face death by candlewax* (601)
6.30 Gamesmaster with Dexter Fletcher and Patrick Moore (s) (953)
7.00 Channel 4 News. *(Teletext) Weather (181243)*
7.50 Comment (Teletext) (336595)
8.00 Grow Your Greens. Sophie Grigson on growing *oriental vegetables (r). (Teletext) (9021)*
8.30 Wild Britain: The Trial of Peter Rabbit. Ian Carmichael narrates this film following a year in the life of a family of rabbits in Wimpole Warren, Cambridgeshire (r). (Teletext) (8156)
9.00 CHOICE **Undercover Britain: Preying on Hope**. (Teletext) (1224)
9.30 Karachi Kops: Touch of Evil. In the last of the documentary series following *the work of the* Pakistani police force, three suspects are brought in *for questioning and it emerges that a murder was* carried out for the equivalent of £20-£30. (Teletext) (10514)



Melanie Griffith and Sean Bean (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM: Stormy Monday (1988) Romantic thriller *starring Melanie Griffith, Sting and Sean Bean. A* ruthless American businessman tries to take over a Newcastle jazz club. Directed by Mike Figgis (548953)
11.40 Football Italia: Mezzanotte. Highlights of the *match between Roma and Milan (165088)*
12.40am Live at Ronnie Scott's. Featuring jazz saxophonist Chico Freeman and his band (r) (8000731). Ends at **2.00**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and *MW*. **4.00am** Kevin Greening (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud **2.00pm** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Story of Pop (5/52) **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Claire Sturgess (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy *6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up* to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** *Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm* Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** We Stayed in with... Jungr and Parker **7.30** Hayes *Over Britain* **9.00** Spotlight On ... Alfred Drake: See Choice **10.00** American Greats **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am *World Service* **6.30** *Morning* Edition **9.00** Schools: Infant Science: See for Yourself; **9.10** *Radio Number*time; **9.20** First Steps in Drama; **9.35** Wordplay; **9.45** *Singing Together*; **10.05** Time to Move **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** *A Century Remembered (r)* **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** Kiss Me Quick **7.15** The Devil in the Dustbin, by Indi Rana (2/5) **7.30** *Football Plus* **10.10** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** *News and Press Review in German* **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** *Europe Today* **6.00** *World News* **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** *Europe Today* **7.00** *Newsdesk* **7.30** New Ideas **7.50** And Then He Kissed Me **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Concert Hall **9.00** World News **9.05** *World Business Report* **9.15** Alexis Korner's Rhythm 'n' Blues **9.30** *On Screen* **9.45** *Sports Roundup* **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Discovery **10.30** *No Money, No Music* **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** *Mittagsmagazin*. News in German Noon World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** *Multitrack 1* **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** *Off the Shelf: To the Lighthouse* **2.45** Sharp Talents **3.00** World News **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** World News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell: News in German **5.00** World News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** *Nachrichten* **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** World News **10.10** British News **10.15** Megamix **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Concert Hall **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** World News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** What's News? **1.45** Country Style **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Development '94 **3.00** World News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Discovery **4.00** World News **4.15** Waveguide **4.25** Book Choice

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** *Lunchtime Concerto: Telemann* (Concerto in A minor for recorder and viola da gamba: Philip Pickett, recorder, Mark Levy, viola da gamba, New London Consort) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: A concert of works by women composers, including Nadia Boulanger, Rebecca Clarke, Barbara Strozzi, Amy Beach and Clara Schumann **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Gary King **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (3346663) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (8930663) **1.55** A Country Practice (49134311) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8137514) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (5659717) **6.00** Home and Away (907427) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (313595) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (595) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News and Weather (858589) **12.35am** One Terrific Guy (454625) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (1687538) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (9430248) **4.10** Jobfinder (5688606) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (43644)

CENTRAL

As London except: **9.55-10.00** Central News (3346663) **12.20pm-12.30** Central *News and Weather (8930663)* **1.55** Shortland Street (49134311) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (3366040) **3.25-3.30** Central News (8137514) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (5659717) **6.00** Home and Away (907427) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (313595) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (595) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (858589) **11.40** The Equalizer (187446) **12.40am** Grapevine (6943151) **1.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5382460) **1.35** The *Big E* (3772408) **2.25** Riviera (3627441) **2.55** The Beat (9707557) **3.55** Get Stuffed (28329538) **4.05** *Jobfinder* (2139064) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3027880)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49134311) **6.00** HTV News (359) **6.30-7.00** Animal Country (311) **7.30-8.00** Good Health! (595) **12.35am** One Terrific Guy (454625) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (1687538) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (9430248) **4.10** Jobfinder (5688606) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (43644)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00-6.30 Wales at Six (359) **7.30-8.00** On the Road with Elinor (595) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (858589)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49134311) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3366040) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (359) **6.30-7.00** Surprise Chefs (311) **7.30-8.00** Charlie Bravo (595) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (858589) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (43644)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Tyne Tees News and Weather (3346663) **12.20pm** Tyne Tees News and Weather / Bisdale: Network North (8949311) **12.25-12.30** Lookaround (8946682) **1.55** A Country Practice (49134311) **3.15-3.20** Crusader Rabbit (8131330) **3.25-3.30** Tyne Tees News / Bisdale: Network North (8137514) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today / Network North (346798) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (311) **7.30-8.00** Lives in Focus (595) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News and Weather (858589) **11.40** Dangerous Affection (762866) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (2137002) **2.25** The Twilight Zone (7734199) **2.50** Sport AM (9708286) **3.50** Stage Three: Buzzcocks (1219880) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (2631557)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry Latest (3346663) **12.20pm-12.30** Westcountry Latest (8930663) **1.55** *The Young Doctors* (92895250) **2.25-2.55** It's a Vet's Life (43807885) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (8137514) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (17427) **7.30-8.00** Roadrunner (595) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (858589) **12.30am** My Story (5373712) **12.35** One Terrific Guy (454625) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (1687538) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (9430248) **4.10** Jobfinder (5688606) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (43644)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49134311) **3.15-3.20** Crusader Rabbit (8131330) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire Calendar News / Bisdale: Network North (8137514) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (346798) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (311) **7.30-8.00** Love and War (595) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (858589) **11.40** Dangerous Affection (762866) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (2137002) **2.25** The Twilight Zone (7734199) **2.50** *Sport AM* (9708286) **3.50** Stage Three: Buzzcocks (1219880) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (2631557)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (45359) **9.00** Sabotage (60021) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (357069) **12.00pm** House To House (80885) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (90750) **1.00** The Wonder Years Politics As Usual (48446) **1.30** Nature Perfected Garlands Of Repose (99021) **2.00** The Late Late Show (10175) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show Sleepless In Seattle (5126408) **3.50** Laurel And Hardy (7841972) **4.00** Slot 23 (224) **4.00** Miri Mono (8905069) **4.20** Y Enwog Wmffre Hargwyn (8914717) **4.45** Tochabant Cwis *cyfnfaduol*. (9329427) **5.00** *Moviewatch* (9327) **5.30** Countdown (208) **6.00** Newyddion/6 (171917) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (996446) **6.25** Heno (311137) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3601) **7.30** Eluned Bengoch (137) **8.00** Sholotau (9021) **8.30** Newyddion/news (8156) **9.00** Y Streic Fawr (1717) **10.00** The Golden Girls Charlie's Buddyr (81514) **10.30** Dim Tafod (14224) **11.30** Walk On The Wild Side Scar Boys (28430) **12.00am** Wittgenstein (8796847)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Witness to Change: Ruskin — The Debate Begins **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Delius (Dance Prelude No 1); Mendelssohn (Song without Words in F sharp minor, Book 6 No 32); Handel (La speranza è giunta in porto, Ottone), Torelli (Sinfonia con trombe in D); Schubert (Impromptu in A flat, D899 No 4); Sibelius (Suite, Belshazzar's Feast)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Haydn in England. Sinfonia Concertante in B flat; Madrigal, The Storm; Symphony No 94 in G, Surprise
10.00 Musical Encounters: Shostakovich (Festival Overture, Op 96); **10.28** Mozart (String Quintet in G minor, K519); **11.35** *Artist of the Week*: Evelyn Glennie, percussion, plays James MacMillan (Veni, Veni Emmanuel: Scottish Chamber Orchestra)
12.00 Music Restored (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Sachio Fujioka performs Glière (Sirens); Shostakovich (Cello Concerto No 2: Colin Carr); Tchaikovsky (Suite No 2 in C)
2.40 Todd Crow, piano, plays Krenek (Five Pieces, Op 39); Schubert (Piano Sonata in A minor, D845) (r)
3.30 The American Symphony: See Choice
5.00 The Music Machine: Computer musicians demonstrate inventive ways of using sampled sounds to create music
5.15 In Tune: Schubert (Gretchen am Spinnrad); Schumann (Cello Concerto in A minor); Glière (Suite, The Red Poppy — excerpts)
7.30 Pebble Mill 1993/4: The Cherubini String Quartet performs Beethoven (String Quartet in A minor, Op 132); **8.15** Michael Oliver discusses Felix Mendelssohn's father. **8.35** Webern (String Quartet, Op 28); Mendelssohn (String Quartet in A minor, Op 13)
9.25 Stories by Gabriel García Márquez: David Horovitch reads *Artificial Roses*, the second of three stories by the Colombian author
9.40 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under András Ligeti. Bartók (Hungarian Pictures); Decsenyi (Symphony)
10.15 A Different Rhythm (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Roy Porter reviews *In the Name of the Father*, Jim Sheridan's controversial film about the Guildford Four, and discusses the use of recent history to make historical drama
11.30 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier performs Debussy (Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune); David Matthews (A Vision and a Journey); Stravinsky (Symphony in three movements)
12.00-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

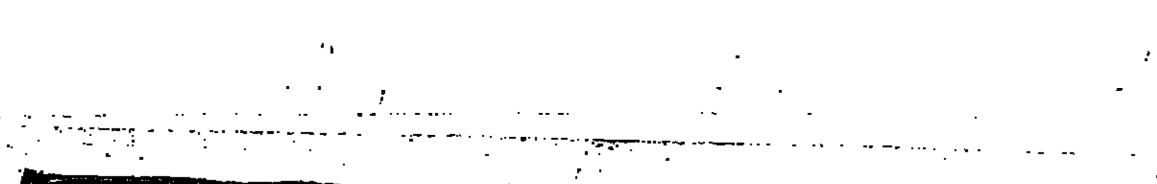
RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444 from 9am
10.00 Homing in on the Hill (FM only): Claire Rayner remembers Harrow-on-the-Hill
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only). John (2/10) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets the trampolinist Andrea Holmes. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C. Potter (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Once in a Blue Moon. A light-hearted comedy by Kate Sterns. Rosalie's musician husband, Michael, unexpectedly turns up at the deserted all-night café where she works with her lover, Burton. With Kate Rutter, Dean Williamson, Vincent Davies and David Ryall
2.30 Mirrored in Music: Andrew Green invites the conductor Carlo Rizzi to choose music which reflects the character and spirit of his native Italy
3.00-4.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
3.00 Opinion (FM only): Christopher Haskins, chairman of Northern Foods, asks whether his business colleagues are under-investing in people and technology (r)
3.30 The Parts (FM only) (r)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Vaughan talks to clarinettist Emma Johnson and reviews Brian Appleyard's novel, *The First Church of the New Millennium*
4.45 Short Story: The Letter, by R. Gerallt Jones
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The House: Christopher Lee's political drama (5/6) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Why are millions of pounds of public money being spent on private consultants?
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Skeletons in the Closet: Veronica Reinhardt investigates a family's secret
8.45 In Touch: Magazine for people with a visual handicap
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Peerless Flats. Written and read by Esther Freud (7/8)
11.00 Mediumwave: The week's *events in the media (r)*
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Spotlight on Alfred Drake. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*
Drake created the roles of Curly, Haaj and Fred Graham in the Broadway productions of, respectively, *Oklahoma!, Kismet* and *Kiss me Kate*. Tonight's programme, and Michael Alexander's previous showbusiness biographies on Radio 2, might well be the despair of those who prefer spice to sugar. Alexander is no iconoclast. He is a first-rate chronicler of the ups and downs in the Broadway snakes-and-ladders game, and never loses sight of the fact that his primary aim is to entertain us and not to shatter our cherished illusions.

The American Symphony. *Radio 3, 3.30pm.*
Talking about American classical music was last Friday's bill of fare on Radio 3, palatably served up by Peter Paul Nash. Now, we have a *chance to listen to it, and make up our own minds. Nash has six* programmes, of which today's is the first. We hear two symphonies. Charles Ives's No 2, played by the New York Philharmonic under Bernstein, and Roy Harris's seminal No 3, performed by the Boston Symphony under Koussevitzky. We also hear Copland's *Inscape* and John Paine's *As You Like It* overture. **Peter Davalle**



SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (73197798) **8.40** Lamb Chops (5202663) **9.10** Cartoons (4633885) **9.30** Card Sharks (8908589) **9.55** Concentration (1853250) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6138224) **10.30** *Love at First Sight* (17953) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (55750) **12.00** *The Urban Peasant* (27755) **12.30pm** E Street (49040) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (44585) **2.00** *Shogun* (38595) **3.00** *Another World* (1697309) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (9248243) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6232) **6.00** Games World (6205) **6.30** E Street (5935) **7.00** M*A*S*H (1021) **7.30** Full House (6069) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (98330) **9.00** Melrose Place (85986) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (88953) **11.00** The Untouchables (76243) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (67248) **1.00am** Night Court (75373) **1.30-2.00** In Living Color (61422)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (9527427) **9.30** ABC Nightline (67224) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (57359) **11.30** Japan Business (97779) **12.30pm** News and Business (51175) **1.30** *CBS Morning News* (29576) **2.30** Parliament Live (31601) **4.30** News and Business Report (6682) **5.00** *Live at Five* (532798) **7.30** Target (7311) **9.30** Talkback (67446) **11.30** CBS *News* (25868) **12.30am** *ABC News* (35731) **1.30** Target (82441) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (36809) **3.30** Talkback (31354) **4.30** *Target* (18354) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (66460)

SKY MOVIES

6.10am Showcase (67534750)
10.00 Quelmada! (1969): Marlon Brando *incites rebellion in the Caribbean* (27795048)
12.00 From Hell to Victory (1979) Close friends' lives are disrupted by war (42798)
2.00pm Real Life (1979). Albert Brooks films a family for a year (79205)
4.00 The Silencers (1966). Secret agent Matt Helm (Dean Martin) saves a missile system (5224)
6.00 Christopher Columbus: The Discovery (1992): Biopic with George Corraface as the explorer (99069)
8.00 Conan the Destroyer (1984). Schwarzenegger plays the barbarian hero *who meets Grace Jones* (74118408)
9.55 Final Analysis (1992): Richard Gere as a psychiatrist involved with patient's sister (Kim Basinger) (83132205)
12.00 Supervixens (1975): A fugitive tends off busty love goddesses (773002)
1.50am Noises Off (1992). Michael Caine, Denholm Elliott and Carol Burnett tour America with a sex comedy (929880)
3.30 The Haunted (1991). *Sally Kirkland and Jeffrey DeMunn find demonic forces invading their home* (15828). Ends at **5.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Cleopatra (1963) Elizabeth Taylor as the Egyptian queen (77885)
10.00 Harry in Your Pocket (1973). James Coburn as a petty criminal in Seattle (522412). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am To Sir, With Love (1967) *Sidney* Poitier earns respect in a tough London school (88311)
8.00 Around the World in 80 Days. Animated Jules Verne classic (27175)
9.00 Black Arrow. Children's adventure story (77021)
10.00 Canon City (1948): Thriller about a jail break in Colorado. With Scott Brady (58798)
12.00 Only Angels Have Wings (1939): Cary Grant's mail pilots are blown off course *by Jean Arthur and Rita Hayworth* (33040)
2.00pm City Beneath the Sea (1970). *Underwater problems for Robert Wagner and* Stuart Whitman (63525)
4.00 Around the World in 80 Days (as 8am) (64885)
5.00 Black Arrow (as 9am) (6330)
6.00 Stepping Out (1991): Liza Minnelli teaches a tap class (80311)
8.00 Somebody's Daughter (1992): Nick Mancuso protects Nicollette Sheridan engulfed by scandal (92156)
10.00 The Finest Hour (1993) Gulf War heroics with Rob Lowe (859446)
11.45 The People Under the Stairs (1991) A young burglar is caught in booby-trapped house (303137)
1.30am Ghost Story (1981): Four men exchange ghost stories (230373)

3.25 Child's Play (1972): Teacher James Mason is persecuted by boys and a fellow tutor (16523199). Ends at **5.05**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (96345) **7.30** *Soccer* (9852798) **7.45** WWF Superstars (9995885) **8.30** Snowboarding (64296) **9.00** Prime Bodies (28156) **9.30** Snooker (61717) **11.30** Basketball (797798) **2.00pm** Golf (28595) **4.00** Challengers Trophy (13175) **5.00** Field Hockey (4750) **6.00** Soccer (792682) **6.15** WWF Challenge (402068) **7.00** Basketball (181088) **9.30** Get Your Handicap Down (38021) **10.00** Soccer (219175) **10.15** Football (384309) **11.15** The Boss (282798) **11.45** American Sports (839214) **12.45-1.45am** Football (232967)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (13798) **8.00** Dancing (30663) **9.00** Figure Skating (74311) **11.00** Car Racing on Ice (22446) **12.00** Eurogoals (62088) **1.00pm** Tennis ATP Tour (85427) ***3.00*** *Eurofun* (5886) **3.30** American Football (94243) **5.30** Eurogoals (46408) **6.30** News (9311) **7.00** Eurotennis (14427) **9.00** Boxing (14392) **10.00** Snooker: European League (95779) **12.00-12.30am** News (87977)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (4676175) **7.30** Neighbours (4655882) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4052069) **8.30** EastEnders (4044040) **9.00** The Bill (4035392) **9.30** Driving Ambition (4683595) **10.30** Wings (1463427) **11.30** The Sullivans (4270311) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4055156) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1268040) **1.00** EastEnders (4675446) **1.30** The Bill (1267311) **2.00** Shelley (2162427) **2.30** Brush Strokes (5517205) **3.00** Dallas (4281427) **4.00** The Colbys (86586011) **4.55** Blankety Blank (78620392) **5.25** *Give Us a Clue* (95635224) **5.55** Sykes (4888446) **6.30** EastEnders (5532514) **7.00** *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole* (2166243) **7.30** Brush Strokes (5538798) **8.00** Shelley (2142663) **8.30** Bread (2161798) **9.00** Callan (2568137) **10.00** The Bill (4056885) **10.30** Carrott Confidential (4032205) **11.00** Top of the Pops (7517682) **11.40** Dr Who (5526359) **12.10am** FILM. The Letter (1940, b/w) A rubber plantation owner's wife kills a man (2731977) **1.50-7.00** Shopping (84696422)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (84353) **6.30** Bobobobs (71311) **7.00** Paddy (4340243) **7.15** Gravedale High (853175) **7.45** Pugwall (652446) **8.15** Head to Head (8986601) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (48934) **9.00** Dodbee Time (60779) **10.00** *Topsy and Tim* (63381) **11.00** RatKan II (40243) **11.30** Bobobobs (41972) **12.00** Paddy (5587576) **12.15pm** *Gravedale* High (468156) **12.45** Pugwall (467427) **1.15** Head to Head (23080040) **1.30** Teddy Ruxpin (91514) **2.00** Madeline (3663) **2.30** Shoe People (5449866) **2.45** Babar (447663) **3.15** RatKan II (3872663) **3.20** Nitwits (2274595) **3.40** Rude Dog (6550069) **3.55** *Head to Head* (5749089) **4.00** Beakman (5514) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (1798)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Dawn Patrol (96327) **7.30** Guts (19972) **8.00** Rugrats (36175) **8.30** Killer Tomatoes (35446) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (26798) **9.30** Kablooey (45311) **10.00** *Eureeka's Castle (77408)* **10.30** *David the* Gnome (15682) **11.00** Banana Sandwich *(97137)* **11.30** *Eureeka's Castle* (98856) **12.00** Fraggle Rock (64214) **12.30pm** Wisdom of the Gnomes (58427) **1.00** Banana Sandwich (46868) **1.30** Janosch's Dream (56798) **2.00** Wild Side Show (9205) **2.30** Out of Control (7576) **3.00** Get the Picture (1040) **3.30** Killer Tomatoes (2021) **4.00** Speed Racer (1156) **4.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (2840) **5.00** Clarissa Explains it All (3885) **5.30** Guts (1392) **6.00** Rugrats (8205) **6.30-7.00** Monkees (2885)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Global Family (5539427) **4.30** Coral Reef (5528311) **5.00** Going Places (2871137) **5.55** Encyclopedia Galactica (8435804) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4429865) **7.00** Durrell in Russia (2164885) **7.30** Bush Tucker Man (5529040) **8.00** The Stars (2140205) **8.30** Arthur C Clarke (2152040) **9.00** Wings (2586779) **10.00** Disappearing Worlds (2589866) **11.00-12.00** Deep Probe Expeditions (4650137)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM. The Great Lie (1941, b/w) Bette Davis battles with her missing husband's former lover (3288601) **2.00pm** FILM: Quentin Durward (1955): With Robert Taylor (2743895) **3.45** Art Linkletter (35926428) **4.00** Flying Nun (5526953) **4.30** My Three Sons (5522137) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (2171175) **5.30** Donny and Marie (5546717) ***6.00*** *Invisible Man* (5536330) **6.30** Torchy (5527682) **7.00** Partridge Family (2577021) **8.00** *The Avengers* (2593069) **9.00** *FILM*: The Long and the Short and the Tall (1961, b/w) *British soldiers in Burma consider killing Japanese prisoners*. With Richard Todd (2596156) **11.00** Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (4296359) **11.30-12.00** Twilight Zone (3364021)

UK LIVING

7.00am Living (2301232) **8.00** Your Child *(1188446)* **8.30** Bon Voyage (1165717) **9.00** Days of Our Lives (6321040) **10.00** Dr Ruth (4228446) **10.30** *Young and the Restless* (4372250) **11.30** Floyd on Britain and Ireland (3454972) **12.00** Stars and Signs (77195885) **12.15pm** Practical Living (58014156) **12.30** Housecalls (9135866) **1.00** First Time Garden (5669885) **1.30** Bon Voyage (9134137) **2.00** Agony Hour (4229175) **3.00** Living (7302514) **3.45** Gladrags (69991750) **4.00** Definition (1943663) **4.30** Infatuation (1972175) **5.00** Musiquest (5804381) **5.30** Fame and Fortune (5604798) **5.45** Kilroy (2570822) **6.30** *Madhur Jaffrey* (1944392) **7.00** Maternal World (1404525) **7.30** That's *Amore* (1940578) **8.00** *Young and the* Restless (2480595) **9.00** FILM Willa (1979). A woman (Cloris Leachman) decides to become a truck driver (87642392) **10.45** OK 2 Talk Feelings (3081359) **11.00** Cagney and Lacey (5649934) **12.00-1.00am** Agony Hour (2206688)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00am Big Brother Jake (7243) **5.30** Black Stallion (5750) **6.00** Wonder Years (2663) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (6243) **7.00** All Clued Up (4779) **7.30** Pyramid Game (2427) **8.00** Cats Eyes (81088) **9.00** Lou Grant (81224) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (50779) **10.30** Evening Shade Comedy with Burt Reynolds (69427) **11.00** Remington Steele (33840) **12.00-1.00am** Big Valley (50996)

MTV

5.00am Wildside (287021) **8.00** VJ Ingo (201601) **11.00** Soul (99205) **12.00** Greatest Hits (60409) **1.00pm** Simone (295476) **3.30** The Report (65562431) **3.45** At the Movies (6551798) **4.00** News (6960601) **4.15** 3 from 1 (6950224) **4.30** *Dial MTV* (3156) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (65601) **7.00** Greatest Hits (74798) **8.00** Most Wanted (59175) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (81137) **10.00** The Report (544214) **10.15** At the Movies (299507) **10.30** News at Night (858601) **10.45** 3 from 1 (853156) **11.00** Rock Block (20359) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (76002) **2.00-5.00** Videos (3841731)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (35695) **7.00** Regional News (29446) **7.30** Asian Morning (83363) **8.00** Hindi News (76717) **8.30** Urdu News (7177935) **8.45** English News (6822840) **9.00** Stara Aur Mehrunisa (57205) **10.00** Bengali FILM (914663) **1.00pm** Andaaz (28717) **1.30** Hindi FILM Mr and Mrs 55 (831866) **4.30** Kiddie Time (8224) **5.00** TVA *and You* (5318) **7.00** *Mirza Ghalib* (3021) **7.30** Bollywood Plus (8069) **8.00** English News (470663) **8.15** Hindi FILM. Davpech (87039972) **11.15** Saheal (612311) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (8303083) **1.35-6.00** Sight and Sound (35138064)

TNT

Theme: A tribute to Lana Turner
7.00pm Bachelor in Paradise (1961) *Agony uncle Bob Hope settles in a rich* neighbourhood (33413427)
9.05 Honky Tonk (1941, b/w): A conman falls for the daughter of a lake judge. With Clark Gable (58699088)
11.05 Homecoming (1948, b/w): Africa *changes society doctor's life* (51999408)
1.15am Somewhere I'll Find You (1942, b/w): *War reporters are reunited with the girl* they once fought over (51436731)
3.20 We Who Are Young (1940, b/w) Colleagues marry in secret to avoid the wrath *of their boss* (17747625). *Ends at 4.40*

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Rutherford calls for select group to set standard

England seek referees' panel

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IF ENGLAND have contributed to "incredible theatre" in their last three matches, as Don Rutherford claimed yesterday, they remain unhappy with the director — the referee; or at least, the refereeing rather than specific individuals.

However, Rutherford, technical director of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), finds little support in his search for rugby union's equivalent to cricket's international panel of umpires. He would like to see a select group of referees be made responsible for all leading international matches, thus laying down a universal standard for others to follow.

"We don't mind if we are not in it," Rutherford said yesterday as he reviewed England's nerve-racking five nations' championship win over Scotland. "Let's work from a central base and agree on how key areas of the game are to be refereed." But the concept has met with resistance, from within the five nations as well as without, presumably from countries who do not see themselves as playing a role in such a core group.

Rutherford has come to the conclusion that the principal of sending referees from one hemisphere to another has not worked. "The referee is fundamental to everything that international teams try to do but it's a total lottery at that level with refereeing as it is at the moment," he said. "The difference between sides may come down to the referee's interpretation and who adapts to it quickest."

He was not criticising Lindsay McLachlan, the New Zealander who handled the Calcutta Cup match on Saturday, but the effect that inconsistent standards had on team preparation. England's other games this season will be handled by a Frenchman, an Irishman and a Scot. Their next match, against Ireland at Twickenham on February 19, will be refereed by Patrick Thomas, of France, who is new to their panel this season.

Robert Horner, chairman of the RFU's referees sub-committee, said that unions had been instructed by the five nations' committee to appoint their best official. "There was a rider that if that meant one man doing more than one game, so be it," Horner added.

England have added three players to the match squad used last weekend for training at Twickenham this weekend in preparation for the Irish, whose team will be announced tomorrow evening. Tim Rodber, Ian Hunter and Nigel Redman will all put pressure on specific individuals if they can prove their fitness which, in the case of the Northampton pair, Rodber and Hunter, may be in doubt.

Redman came through the A international against Italy while the best news for England over the weekend was the 86-17 win achieved by their emerging players over the Spanish national side which will play Wales in May for a place in the World Cup. That represents the highest score by a senior English representative team, exceeding the B XV's 68-4 victory over North Otago in 1992 and the 66-5 victory by the A XV over Spain last year.

The emerging players have lost their fixture next month with South Africa B, who have cancelled their two-match visit because of a clash with domestic commitments. However, Canada A will fill the gap with two matches in Wales and three in England. The tour climax will be against the emerging players at Richmond on March 20, and the countries will meet again, probably at Bath, on December 6 before the full England-Canada international four days later.

The RFU, whose new East Stand at Twickenham will be officially opened by the Queen before the 100th match with Wales, on March 19, has returned £3.5 million to supporters who could not be accommodated in home championship matches this season.

Each gate of 68,000 is worth £1.4 million in receipts, although the union's refurbishment of the ground, for which they are finalising a loan of £30 million, will keep them in debt for up to ten years.

ENGLAND SQUAD

BACKS: J Callard (Bath), I Hunter (Northampton), R Underwood (Leicester), T Underwood (Leicester), W Carling (Harlequins), P de Glanville (Bath), M Catt (Bath), R Andrew (Wasps), S Barnes (Bath), K Bracken (Bristol), D Morris (Orrell)

FORWARDS: J Leonard (Harlequins), G Rowntree (Leicester), V Ubogu (Bath), G Dawe (Bath), B Moore (Harlequins), M Bayfield (Northampton), M Johnson (Leicester), N Redman (Bath), N Back (Leicester), B Clarke (Bath), J Hall (Bath), S Ojomoh (Bath), T Rodber (Northampton)

Stewards at Henley tell crews to 'play the game'

BY JOHN GOODBODY AND MIKE ROSEWELL

THE Stewards at Henley Royal Regatta yesterday warned crews that they would be barred from events if they continued entering competitions below their standard of rowing — a practice that has increased in recent years.

Mike Sweeney, their chairman, said: "We are intent on stopping pot-hunting. We have a clear view of our objective — to allow good racing between crews of an equal standard within each event."

The committee of the regatta, which last year attracted 457 crews, the third highest in its 155-year history, is worried that crews have opted to take part in one of the less glamorous events, because they are likely to survive longer in the five-day competition.

Three events, the Thames for eights, the Wyfold for coxless fours and the Britannia for coxed fours, have often brought entries from oarsmen, who prefer them to the stiffer opposition encountered in the Grand and Ladies Plate for eights, the Stewards' for coxless fours and the Prince Philip for coxed fours.

The Stewards have circularised clubs telling them to "play the game", adding that they are not now prepared to see Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race oarsmen, nor American heavyweight varsity oarsmen, rowing for the Thames, Wyfold or Britannia cups.

Sweeney said that the Stewards would initially use "persuasion" and "advice". Only in the last resort was there a threat that an entry would be refused.

Brawling boxers are each fined £10,000

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Bentt, the World Boxing Organisation heavyweight champion, and his challenger, Herbie Hide, of Norwich, were fined £10,000 each yesterday by the British Boxing Board of Control for brawling at a Knightsbridge hotel on January 10.

Both parties complained that the fine, which must be paid 14 days before their bout takes place at Millwall Football Club on March 19, was too high and they would be appealing against it.

Barry Hearn, Hide's manager, said that if the appeal failed, he would pay the fine for his boxer. Bentt, who is in Las Vegas, was represented by a London lawyer, Jonathan Barnett, who said the board had over-reacted.

John Morris, the secretary of the board, said the board considered both Hide and Bentt to be equally to blame. "The gravity of their action is such that the board is imposing a heavy fine on each of them, namely £10,000 each," he said. "We would warn Mr Hide that, should he behave in a similar manner in future, the board would have no alternative but to remove his licence. We have had the advantage of having a representative of the WBO with us and we are assured that if Mr Bentt should conduct himself in a similar manner in the future, the WBO would strongly consider similar action."

☐ More than 12 million viewers watched the live ITV coverage of the WBO super-middleweight championship bout between Chris Eubank and Graciano Rocchiagini on Saturday.



Sandie Lister, left, and Julian Halls celebrate their selection as hockey players of the year at Knebworth House yesterday. Photograph: Martin Beddall

Well-timed reminder of sport's lost innocence



Simon Barnes meets the hockey players of the year on a sunny afternoon in Hertfordshire

Perhaps it was a vision of the way sport was supposed to be. Sun, a stately home, a stag-thronged park, a smiling woman with a pink suit and a sporty haircut, a smiling chap with equally neat suit and an equally sporty haircut.

Receiving rose bowls with grace and without awkwardness, the male and the female hockey player of the year: Sandie Lister and Julian Halls. Also a hundred quid each, but they had to give it to a hockey charity, they being amateurs.

The do was at Knebworth House in Hertfordshire, the lunch attended by various decent sorts. A light garnish of press and television, but nothing to which the most fastidious could object. All terribly nice. And maybe sport *was* suppposed to be like that: a lovely day and no rancour and no bitterness.

I was at another amateur sport at the weekend, the shattering game of rugby union in Dublin, played at terrifying intensity. Tears in Dublin for the Irish, heart-scalding for poor Eric Elwood, tears in Edinburgh for poor Gavin Hastings — all before the eyes of millions and the roaring voices of tens of thousands.

Was sport supposed to be so crazy and so intense a spectacle for so many people? It was not. Not that I would for an instant question the commitment, the dedication of the pair of hockey players honoured yesterday. Both train daily; two-hour squad session weekly; full match Saturday and Sunday. Both must fold these commitments around a professional life: Lister is a teacher, Halls a courier with DHL.

Being a courier with DHL is not, one imagines, a soul-filling job, but Halls is delighted with it. "They've been very good to me," he said. They will give him time off to prepare for and, God willing, play in the next World Cup in Australia at the end of the year.

"Hockey is what I *do*. It's what I've always done. Of course my family, my little boy, comes first, but everything revolves around hockey. What little social life we have is to do with hockey. There's no time to go away, of course."

Hockey is fulfilment, a vehicle for excellence. Perhaps that is something sports were supposed to be as well: "I have an affinity for hockey. I like to play my own way, to be an individual in a team sport."

He is a defender with a taste for confrontation: "I like to be direct, physical, strong. I like the personal battles."

Hockey is not messing about. Lister said: "I like to think I am committed. A determined player. I like to win: I don't like to lose too much. I like to get involved. You have to be committed to your training. You have to be committed to the idea of doing well."

Yet all this commitment and dedication and determination comes without the craziness we know from big-time sport. No televised tears of the Gazzas and Gavins. This is not Linford and Tessa: not Steffi and Boris. This is Julian and Sandie and never mind if you've forgotten them by then, they'll be playing their guts out for various dreams and ambitions next weekend.

Hockey is intense, but its intensity is private. The most televised, most written about and most followed sports have the added dimension of public intensity.

The greater the pressures, the more players rise to conquer them or break beneath them. The process is ruthless, and quite riveting. Sport, in its public, professional and televised age, may have lost its innocence: it has gained immeasurably in cruel fascinations.

To meet the hockey players of the year was a pleasant throwback to a different kind of sport: sport before the world's interest became obsessive, before the rewards became colossal and the pressures all but unbearable.

But next weekend, I will not be seeking Old Loughtonians. Business as usual: I expect to seek with relish the flowers of corruption.

NEXT WEEK IN THE TIMES

Hundreds of readers have already taken the opportunity to pit their wits against the England cricket tour selectors by playing *The Times* 1st XI game, in the hope of winning a trip for four to the Christmas Test match in Melbourne. The First XI lines (0891 500 103) remain open until noon on February 16 and the entry form will be published again this week.



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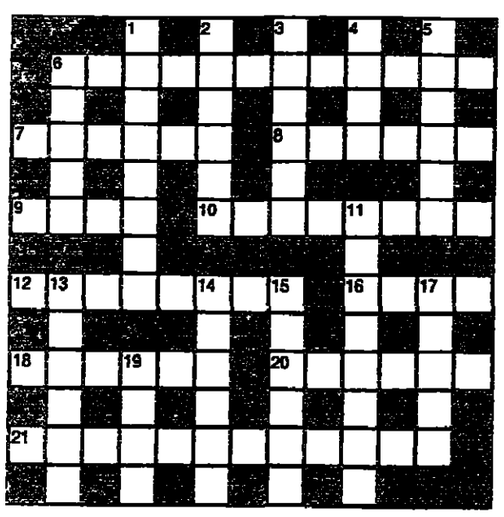
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7 Small error (4-2)
8 Place of safety (6)
9, 16 Painting with enigmatic smile (4,4)
10 Type of university (8)
12 Runt (8)
16 *See 9*
18 Miscellaneous collection (3,3)
20 Unit of scale (6)
21 Insipid sentiments (4,3,5)

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1 Oat biscuit (8)
2 Riddle with shot (6)
3 Causing shudders (6)
4 Nun's cap (4)
5 Calamitous: Brahms overture (6)
6 Leaf of paper (5)
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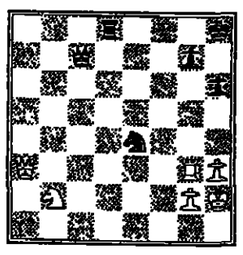
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Today's position is from the game Lautier - Timman, FIDE Candidates, Game 2, Wijk aan Zee 1994. With 1 ... Nxg3 Black will win eventually, but he has a stronger continuation which forces immediate resignation. Can you see it?



Solution, page 40

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ANTIMERE
a. An inland sea
b. A poisonous alkali
c. The other half

BIXA
a. A two-ox cart
b. A tendon in the arm
c. A tropical tree

GNOMOLOGY
a. Collecting garden gnomes
b. The study of sundials
c. A collection of clichés

FLUSTRATION
a. Agitation
b. Tuning a flute
c. Ritual purification

Answers on page 40